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~~DIRECTOR'S~~ SECRETARY'S OFFICE/OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL - PURCHASE OF EVIDENCE. Upon approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Chief Counsel for the Department of Human Services may transfer an amount up to but not to exceed \$12,000 and deposit same in a bank account for the purpose of purchasing evidence in the course of investigating the illegal use of food stamps/Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards. The funds so transferred shall be subject to accounting in a manner substantially similar to that employed by the Arkansas State Police for such transactions; provided however, that information tending to identify participants in such transactions shall be exempt from the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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HUMAN SERVICES RENOVATION FUND. Department of Human Services Renovation Fund.

(a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be known as the Department of Human Services Renovation Fund.

(b) This fund shall be used for constructing, acquiring, renovating, maintaining, repairing, and equipping facilities of the Department of Human Services and for paying disallowances by the federal government.

(c) The fund shall consist of:

(1) Federal reimbursement received by the Department of Human Services and deposited in the various fund accounts of the department; and

(2) General revenues transferred from the Division of Youth Services, the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services, and the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services for the purposes of repairing, renovating, equipping, acquiring and constructing Department of Human Services facilities with an annual maximum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000). The projects for which these transfers are authorized must be projects which were unanticipated during the preceding regular session of the Arkansas General Assembly and must be projects which, if not carried out in the interim period between regular sessions of the Arkansas General Assembly would cause greater harm to the facilities, clients or programs of the Department of Human Services than to wait until the next regular session.

(3) Other non-general revenue funds as may be available within the Department of Human Services that can be used for the purposes of this

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fund.

(d)(1) At the request of the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services, and upon certification of the availability of such funds, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect the transfer on the books of record of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the Department of Human Services.

(2) The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall submit any transfer plan to and must receive approval of the plan from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Governor and the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee prior to the effective date of the transfer.

(e) Provided, that any non-general revenue funding that may remain in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried over into the next fiscal year and all obligated general revenue funding that may remain in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried over into the next fiscal year to satisfy such legal and contractual obligations that have been entered into prior to the end of the fiscal year.

(f) Determining the amount of funds appropriated to a state agency is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by delineating specific line items and by identifying the appropriation and funding attached to that line item. The General Assembly has determined that the Department of Human Services could be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency. That flexibility is being accomplished by providing transfer authority in subsection (d) of this

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section, and since the General Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the transfer authority concept, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfer authority by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in the utilization of this transfer authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall have transfer authority provided by the following:

(a) DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES RENOVATION FUND. The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services is authorized to request fund transfers according to the provisions established by Arkansas Code Ann. 19-5-1020, Department of Human Services Renovation Fund, as amended herein; and

(b) MATCH TRANSFER. The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, is authorized to effect inter-agency and inter-divisional fund transfers for the purpose of providing the State's matching share for payments made to that Division or Office or its service providers for services eligible for federal reimbursement under programs administered by the Department of Human Services. The Department of Human Services shall report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee on a quarterly basis all fund transfers made in accordance with the authority granted by this section; and

(c) REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES: (1) The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides hundreds of different services to over 1 million Arkansans. The specific mix of service needs and the funding and staffing required to provide them can vary significantly based on many factors, including natural disasters, changing federal mandates and funding sources, demographic shifts, fluctuating court-ordered services, social trends, and job market variations such as nursing shortages. The impact of these factors through the course of any fiscal year make it very difficult for

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the Department to accurately predict the exact needs for funding, appropriation and positions in each of its over 100 different appropriations. To ensure that it can respond quickly to changing client needs and make the most effective use of the resources allocated to it, the Department of Human Services shall be authorized to utilize the reallocation of resource authority to make the proper adjustments to the budgets within the Department. Therefore, upon determination by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services that a reallocation of resources within the department is necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the department, the director, with approval of the Governor, shall have the authority to request, from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer of positions, appropriations, line item appropriations, and funds within or between existing and newly created divisions, offices, sections, or units of the department. Provided, however, that no transfer of funds or appropriation that provides direct support or matching support for the Arkansas Medicaid Program shall be made to any other fund account or appropriation that does not directly support the Arkansas Medicaid Program. Further, no positions, funds, or appropriation authorized during the budget process for the Division of Children and Family Services' compliance with initiatives established under the Angela R. consent decree shall be transferred to any other division. Nothing in this provision is intended to prevent the one-time transfers of savings in any other program to the Arkansas Medicaid Program, with the exception of the provisions previously cited for the Division of Children and Family Services - Angela R. consent decree. The Division of Developmental Disabilities - Grants to

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Community Providers line item of the Developmental Disabilities Services - Grants-in-Aid appropriation may not be decreased. The appropriation, funding, and positions provided for the five Human Development Centers shall remain at a level sufficient to ensure quality care for the Centers' residents. The exemptions provided in this subsection whereby certain DHS Programs and Divisions are protected from appropriation, fund, or position transfers are applicable only to the reallocation or transfer authority granted herein, and not by any reductions which are applicable to all state programs.

The ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall submit any requests for transfers to and must receive approval of the requests for transfers from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Governor, and the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee prior to the effective date of the transfers. Provided, however, that the Department of Human Services shall be limited to submitting no more than four reallocation of resources transfer requests during any fiscal year. In each Departmental request no single division will request reallocation for more than one purpose as listed in this section. Transfer authority for unforeseen purposes shall further be limited to no more than 5% of the total appropriation, funding, and positions authorized for the Department. Reallocation of resources transfers may include multiple items but shall be limited to the following purposes:

- i) Medicaid Program;
- ii) Facilities and institutions costs, including operational expenses and construction/renovation/equipping expenses;

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- iii) Departmental grants and contracts;
- iv) Court ordered settlements and payments;
- v) Payment of administrative expenses, including but not limited to, overtime and other costs of personnel for critical services or functions necessary to carry out the mission of the agency;
- vi) Restructuring efforts as deemed necessary to comply with new and/or unanticipated federal or state mandates; and/or
- vii) Redirecting internal resources, both direct and/or indirect, to meet client needs and services.

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

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this entire section is void.

(2) If it is determined that the requested reallocation of resources transfers should be made, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall then initiate the necessary transfer documents to reflect the transfers upon the fiscal records of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the Department of Human Services. In addition, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, together with the Co-Chairpersons of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, may approve, on an emergency basis, requests for utilization of this Section without prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, with any such actions reported at the next meeting of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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NURSING/DIRECT CARE EDUCATION STIPEND PROGRAM. Special provision for a Nursing/Direct Care Education Stipend Program for the Department of Human Services is hereby authorized to be paid from the State and Federal Funds appropriated in each Division's Act. This program is for eligible nursing students who are attending accredited nursing institutions to become Registered or Licensed Practical Nurses, as well as Certified Nursing Assistants, Residential Care Assistants, Residential Care Technicians, Residential Care Supervisors and Behavioral Health Aides.

The stipend is \$5,000 per person per year. Any student who is awarded and accepts a stipend is under employment commitment to the respective DHS Division and is required to work for that division, in a full-time employee status effective immediately upon graduation. The student employment commitment is equal to the number of years the stipend was awarded and accepted. In the event of Employee/Student default of the employment commitment, the Employee/Student will be considered in breach of contract and repayment of the stipend will be required as specified in the Stipend Contract.

Each division participating in the Education Stipend Program shall determine on an annual basis, the number of student stipends available.

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NURSING/DIRECT CARE RECRUITMENT/RETENTION BONUSES. Special provision to provide Nursing/Direct Care Recruitment and Retention Bonuses for the Department of Human Services is hereby authorized to be paid from State and Federal funds appropriated for each respective Division. Nursing/direct care service recruitment/retention bonuses are in addition to the maximum annual amounts provided in the Regular Salaries Section of the respective Division's Act for Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Certified Nursing Assistant, Residential Care Assistant, Residential Care Technician, Residential Care Supervisor and Behavioral Health Aide. New hire nurses must be licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. The total recruitment/retention bonus payment commitment for eligible nurses shall not exceed \$4,000 per Registered Nurse and \$2,000 per Licensed Practical Nurse and \$1,000 per Certified Nursing Assistant, Residential Care Assistant, Residential Care Technician, Residential Care Supervisor and Behavioral Health Aide.

The lump sum bonus payments and employment commitment to the State will be made in partial payments as follows:

Registered Nurse Classifications

\$1,000 after completing 6 months probationary employment

\$1,500 after completing 1st year employment

\$1,500 after completing 2nd year employment

Licensed Practical Nurse Classifications

\$ 500 after completing 6 months probationary employment

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\$ 500 after completing 1st year employment
\$1,000 after completing 2nd year employment

Certified Nursing Assistant/Residential Care Assistant/Residential Care
Technician/Residential Care Supervisor/Behavioral Health Aide
Classifications

\$ 500 after completing 6 months probationary employment
\$ 500 after completing 1st year employment

Any qualified person hired and offered bonus payment described herein will forfeit the balance of the payments if he/she voluntarily resigns or is terminated for cause from employment from the Department of Human Services prior to completing the required employment commitment time periods outlined above.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - FEDERAL FUNDS. It is the specific intent of the General Assembly that in the event of the availability of federal funding for the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services during the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021, that such funding be utilized to conserve or reduce the expenditure of general revenue except where prohibited by law.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. Pay rates for physicians and chief psychologists within the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services may include the special allowances available to UAMS physicians and professional faculty as described in the special language of the UAMS appropriation. Part of the salaries of such staff will come from the receipt of professional income in the care of patients and/or funds received from federal agencies, foundations and other private sponsors in the support of research. Provided that any such allowance shall not exceed, for any employee, an amount equal to two and one half times the salary authorized by the General Assembly. The specific Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services classifications covered by this language are:

Class

Code Title

L005N Psychiatric Specialist

L009N DHS Behavioral Health General Physician

L001C Psychologist Supervisor

Prior to these allowances being made available for an individual, they will be approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and reviewed by the Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - VOCATIONAL TRAINEES. The Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Human Services is hereby authorized to provide employment opportunities for some of the working residents who are separate from the currently authorized regular vocational trainee positions. The positions authorized herein shall not be incorporated into the present classification system but shall be provided for by each Community Mental Health Center or the State Hospital, on a cash account basis. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the authorization of these positions shall facilitate the Agency's ability to provide for residents who are not part of a regular vocational training program.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - JOB SHARE. The Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services can utilize job share for positions within the nursing classification (RN, LPN/LPTN, BHA/CNA) for up to 24 hours per week per individual. This will allow the Division to offer weekend option shifts to nursing personnel without increasing the number of positions.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - STATE HOSPITAL CONTINGENCY POSITIONS. If the Department of Human Services determines, and after prior review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, it shall be determined that it is in the best interest of the State of Arkansas to discontinue a management contract with a private provider and it is deemed necessary to utilize Department staff to provide the required services, the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services may request the ~~Department of Finance and Administration~~ Department of Transformation and Shared Services to approve the establishment of one or more additional positions at salary rates not to exceed the maximum salaries established for comparable positions in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, the Department of Human Services' Appropriation Act, and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences' Appropriation Act. Upon approval by the ~~Department of Finance and Administration~~ Department of Transformation and Shared Services and after review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services may establish such positions.

If the agency requests continuation of a "Growth Pool" position(s) as established herein, the position(s) must be requested as a new position(s) in the agency's budget request.

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ARKANSAS HEALTH CENTER. (A) The Department of Human Services shall not close the Arkansas Health Center that provides skilled nursing through specialized services and programs.

(B) The Department of Human Services shall continue to accept clients for whom it has determined that skilled nursing and specialized services are needed at the Arkansas Health Center.

(C) No funds shall be transferred or reduced from the Arkansas Health Center, except for use as federal matching funds, below the approved funding level on March 1, 2003 without the prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

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

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EXTRA HELP - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES. Employees in extra-help positions at the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services may receive an amount not to exceed eighty-five percent (85%) of the maximum annual salary for a comparable position as authorized under § 21-5-201 et seq. during any fiscal year, nor shall such an employee be employed for a period of time to exceed one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours in any single fiscal year.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES - PROCEEDS FOR SALES OF TIMBER AND HAY - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT. The Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services is authorized to use the administrative operating account for capital improvements to the physical plant, and for the purchase of capital equipment, and for the operation of the Arkansas Health Center, operated by the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services. The funds shall be held by the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services, from the proceeds of the sale of timber and hay that may be harvested from land owned by the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services. All funds deposited and all expenses shall be tracked separately. The harvesting of timber and hay is specifically authorized to provide funds to finance capital improvements to the physical plant, for the purchase of major capital equipment, and for the operation of the Arkansas Health Center. The Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services shall report all income derived from the sale of timber and hay to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Any contracts initiated for the harvesting of timber and hay shall be submitted to the Review Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for prior review. All expenditures of funds derived from the sale of timber and hay will be expended in accordance with relevant state purchasing laws.

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SPECIAL RATES OF PAY AND EMPLOYMENT WORK DAYS. For employees hired on or after July 1, 2013, at the Arkansas State Hospital in the classifications listed below, the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services Director shall implement salary adjustments utilizing the approved pay grid for teachers employed by the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf.

To achieve the salary adjustments, the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services is authorized to pay special rates of pay for classifications at the Arkansas State Hospital listed below:

Classification	Title	Grade
E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
E044C	Certified Bachelors Teacher	GS06

Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that is supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required, be provided by a transfer from the Performance Fund to the proper fund or fund account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services shall in addition to the funds provided in this Act for Annual Career Service Recognition Payments from the Performance Fund, make available any funding generated from agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as provided by law.

For employees hired on or after July 1, 2013, at the Arkansas State Hospital in the classifications listed above, the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services Director shall set the number of work days for the employment year to equal the number of days worked by those

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employed in the same classifications at the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf. The accrual, use, and carryover of sick days, personal days, and holidays of the employees at the Arkansas State Hospital that are hired on or after July 1, 2013, or current employees choosing to adopt this plan, shall be treated in the same manner as those employed in the same classifications at the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf.

Those currently employed at the Arkansas State Hospital in the classifications listed above as of June 30, 2013, have the one-time option of adopting this language or continuing to operate under the same salary, leave and benefit plans they are currently receiving. Employees must make their decision by June 30, 2013.

Accrued annual and holiday leave, up to 240 hours, as of June 30, 2013, will be paid out to current employees choosing to adopt this plan. Any additional accrued annual and holiday leave will be forfeited. Accrued sick leave, as of June 30, 2013, shall be retained on file and shall be exhausted before any newly accrued sick leave may be taken.

All employees affected by this section shall be eligible to receive hazardous duty pay for time worked in eligible areas.

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CARRY FORWARD - COMMUNITY BASED CRISIS INTERVENTION. Any unexpended balance of funds allocated for Community Based Crisis Intervention in the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services from the Behavioral Health Services Fund Account which remains at the close of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward to the next state fiscal year to be used for the same intent and purposes as set forth in law. Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021, the Agency shall, by written statement, set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or

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Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

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AGING AND ADULT SERVICES - MATCHING FUNDS. The funds appropriated for state match for the Arkansas Senior Olympics Program in this Act shall be paid on a two-to-one state/local matching basis. The Senior Arkansas Sports Organization must certify its portion of the match to the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services before any funds appropriated for state match for the Arkansas Senior Olympics Program in this Act are disbursed.

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AGING AND ADULT SERVICES - STATE MATCH AUTHORIZED. The ~~Director~~
Secretary of the Department of Human Services is authorized to use State
funds appropriated in this Act to match Federal funds available under Title
III and Title V of the Older Americans Act, Social Services Block Grant, or
such other federal funds as may become available.

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AGING AND ADULT SERVICES - GRANT/CONTRACT DISBURSEMENT GUIDELINES. All appropriations for state and federal funding contained herein for Aging and Adult Services and that are distributed under grant or contract methodologies may be disbursed by the Department of Human Services in the same manner as authorized under federal regulations for the disbursement of Title III Older Americans Act funds. Otherwise, all disbursements shall comply with the provisions of this Act.

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AGING AND ADULT SERVICES - NURSING HOME CARE ALTERNATIVES.
Funding for "Nursing Home Care Alternatives", as it appears in the Aging and Adult Services - Operations appropriation may be used for home delivered meals, adult day care, homemaker/chore, respite care, personal care, health promotion, and other community-based activities. These funds may also be used to match Medicaid community-based programs.

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS. The appropriation in this act for Senior Citizen Centers shall be distributed in the same manner as the funding formula requirements set out in the federal Older Americans Act funding law. The additional funding provided by this provision shall supplement and not supplant any monies currently funding services for Senior Citizen Centers.

The requirements in this section shall only be implemented in accordance with any necessary approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and in the event that additional general revenue funding is provided by the General Assembly for these purposes. Should additional funding provided for these purposes be insufficient to provide for the increases in full, the increases shall be provided to the extent that funding is made available.

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CARRY FORWARD OF UNOBLIGATED GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS. (a) On June 30, ~~2019~~ 2020, or as soon as is practicable to determine funds available as authorized in this Section, and each fiscal year thereafter the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of unobligated general revenue funds, excluding funds carried forward for other purposes, remaining in the Fund or Fund Accounts and the corresponding paying accounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, as set out in subsection (b) herein, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services paying account to be used exclusively for the disbursement of funds for Senior Citizen Centers in the amount of recouped and recovered general revenue not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

(b) Any unobligated general revenue, excluding funds carried forward for other purposes, remaining in the following Fund or Fund Accounts and the corresponding paying accounts at the end of the Fiscal Year that would normally be transferred into the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund as recouped or recovered General Revenue shall be transferred as authorized in subsection (a) herein:

- (1) Department of Human Services Administration Fund Account;
- (2) Children and Family Services Fund Account;
- (3) Child Care and Early Childhood Education Fund Account;
- (4) Youth Services Fund Account;
- (5) Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account;

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- (6) Medical Services Fund Account;
- (7) Behavioral Health Services Fund Account;
- (8) County Operations Fund Account; and
- (9) Provider Services and Quality Assurance Fund Account.

(c)(1) Any general revenue recouped or recovered as authorized in subsections (a) and (b) herein shall be carried forward to the following fiscal year for Senior Citizen Centers and shall be distributed in the same manner as the funding formula requirements set out in the federal Older Americans Act funding law.

(2) The additional funding provided by this provision shall supplement and not supplant any monies currently funding services for Senior Citizen Centers.

(d) Should additional funding provided for in subsections (a) and (b) herein be insufficient to provide for the full five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) authorized, the increases shall be provided to the extent that general revenue is recouped and carried forward.

(e)(1) The Department of Human Services shall provide a written report to the Department of Finance and Administration Budget Office, the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee the total amount of general revenue carried forward and distributed as set forth in this section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in subsection (e)(1) herein in the budget manual submitted to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for

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INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER OF STATE GENERAL REVENUE FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAMS. Upon the request of the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Workforce Services (DWS), the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may approve up to \$3,640,650 in State General Revenue appropriated to DWS for the TANF Program to be transferred to the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations in support of Arkansas' Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Programs or any related Separate State Programs. The Director of the ~~Department~~ Division of Workforce Services shall provide a report of all transfers made to the DHS - Division of County Operations to the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council and/or Joint Budget Committee. The report must include the justification for and the amount of the completed transfers.

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DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS - STATE AND FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATIONS. It will be permissible for the Division of County Operations to implement the following exemptions in the event that a State or Federal Disaster is declared: (1) Exceed the 240 hour per quarter limit on the purchase of temporary help; and, (2) Waive the 1,000 hour limit per State Fiscal Year for Extra Help positions.

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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - GRANTS TO COMMUNITY BASED PROVIDERS. Funds allocated for community-based services under the appropriation for (i) the Grants-in-Aid appropriation in this act, (ii) the Grants/Patient Services Line in the Operations appropriation in this act, and (iii) the Inter-Divisional Programs appropriation in this act, shall be used only to provide services through private community based services licensed or certified by the Arkansas Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) or licensed or certified by a Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity (PASSE). Non-profit community-based programs licensed by the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services are quasi-governmental instrumentalities of the state which provide supports and services to individuals who have a developmental disability or delay, who would otherwise require supports and services through state-operated programs and facilities owned by the State of Arkansas. When licensed providers are involved in delivering services which are Medicaid reimbursable, they must enroll as a provider with the Arkansas Medicaid Program and must bill the Arkansas Medicaid Program for all covered services for eligible individuals.

Services which are covered by the Arkansas State Medicaid Program, including the Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity (PASSE) model, will be utilized to the maximum extent possible for any individual who is eligible for Medicaid coverage. It is the intent of this section that DDS, as a general policy, maximize the use of Medicaid funding available for appropriate services.

Licensed private community providers funded from these appropriations for community based services shall:

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1. Screen each individual to whom services are provided for a determination of eligibility or ineligibility for Medicaid coverage within thirty days of the first date that services are provided.
2. Meet minimum standards of performance in the delivery of services to people with disabilities as defined by the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.
3. Supply statistical and financial data to the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.
4. Establish and maintain a sound financial management system in accordance with guidelines as set forth by the Department of Human Services.
5. Establish and maintain community support programs designed to provide coordinated care and treatment to ensure ongoing involvement and individualized services for persons with disabilities.

It is the intent of this section to insure that wherever possible and appropriate, Medicaid funds are utilized.

Nothing in this Act shall prevent the Division or any provider from extending emergency services when appropriate measures have been taken in a timely manner to secure Medicaid eligibility.

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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - VOCATIONAL TRAINEES. The Division of Developmental Disabilities Services of the Department of Human Services is hereby authorized to provide employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities residing at the Human Development Centers who work at less than a competitive employment level.

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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES - TIMBER SALES PROCEEDS - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT. The Division of Developmental Disabilities Services is authorized to use the administrative operating accounts for capital improvements to physical plants and for the purchase of capital equipment. The funds shall be held by the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services from the proceeds of the sale of timber that may be harvested from land owned by the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services. All funds deposited and all expenses shall be tracked separately. The harvesting of timber is specifically authorized to provide funds to finance capital improvements to the physical plants and for the purchase of major capital equipment.

The Division of Developmental Disabilities Services shall report all income derived from timber management to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Any contracts initiated for the harvesting of timber shall be submitted to the Review Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for prior review. All expenditures of funds derived from the sale of timber will be expended in accordance with relevant state purchasing laws.

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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTERS AND COMMUNITY PROVIDERS.

(A) The Developmental Disabilities Services Board or the Department of Human Services shall not close any of the state administered Human Development Centers which are located at Conway, Arkadelphia, Jonesboro, Booneville, and Warren.

(B) The Department of Human Services shall continue to accept clients for whom it has determined that therapy and residential services are needed at state administered Human Development Centers and Community Programs licensed by DDS shall continue to accept clients for whom it has been determined in accordance with federal law that are in need of services in the community.

(C) Except for use as federal matching funds, no funds for community based services licensed by DDS shall be transferred from Grants to Community Providers line item of the Developmental Disabilities Services - Grants-in-Aid appropriation unless the transfer(s) directly benefit(s) community based services for persons with developmental disabilities or from the appropriation for the Human Development Centers unless the transfer(s) directly benefit(s) the Human Development Centers.

(D) Nor shall any general revenue funding as of July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 from the Grants to Community Providers line item of the Developmental Disabilities Services - Grants-in-Aid appropriation for persons with developmental disabilities or from any other general revenues as of July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, applied as federal matching funds for community based services licensed by DDS on July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 be reduced below the approved funding level on July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021; nor shall the general revenues applied

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as federal matching funds for the Human Development Centers be reduced below the approved funding level on July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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ELIMINATION OF AUTISM WAIVER SERVICES WAITING LIST. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services shall budget, allocate, and expend up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the elimination of the Autism Waiver Services Program waiting list.

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MEDICAL SERVICES - PHARMACEUTICAL DISPENSING FEE SURVEY. No more than two years prior to making any changes to the current pharmaceutical dispensing fee, the State shall conduct an independent survey utilizing generally accepted accounting principles, to determine the cost of dispensing a prescription by pharmacists in Arkansas. Only factors relative to the cost of dispensing shall be surveyed. These factors shall not include actual acquisition costs or average profit or any combination of actual acquisition costs or average profit. The survey results shall be the basis for establishing the dispensing fee paid to participating pharmacies in the Medicaid prescription drug program in accordance with Federal requirements. The dispensing fee shall be no lower than the cost of dispensing as determined by the survey. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the State from increasing the dispensing fee at any time.

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MEDICAL SERVICES - GENERAL MEDICAID RATE METHODOLOGY PROVISIONS.

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(a) Rates established by the Division of Medical Services for the services or programs covered by this Act shall be calculated by the methodologies approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The Division of Medical Services shall have the authority to reduce or increase rates based on the approved methodology. Further, the Division of Medical Services shall have the authority to increase or decrease rates for good cause including, but not limited to: (1) Identification of provider(s) who can render needed services of equal quality at rates less than traditionally charged and who meet the applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the provision of a particular service;

(2) Identification that a provider or group of providers has consistently charged rates to the Arkansas Medicaid Program greater than to other purchasers of medical services of similar size;

(3) The Division determines that there has been significant changes in the technology or process by which services are provided by a provider or group of providers which has affected the costs of providing services, or;

(4) A severe economic downturn in the Arkansas economy which has affected the overall state budget of the Division of Medical Services.

The Division of Medical Services shall make available to requesting providers, the CMS's inflationary forecasts (CMS Market Basket Index). Rates established with cost of living increases based on the CMS Market Basket Index or other indices will be adjusted annually except when the state budget does not provide sufficient appropriation and funding to affect

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the change or portion thereof.

(b) Any rate methodology changes proposed by the Division of Medical Services both of a general and specific nature, shall be subject to prior approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

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

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FUND USAGE AUTHORIZED. The Arkansas Children's Hospital may request the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services to retain in the Department of Human Services Grant Fund account an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 from funds made available by this Act in the Child and Family Life Institute line item of the Grants appropriation to be used to match federal funds used for supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas Children's Hospital. These retained funds shall not be recovered to transfer to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

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STATE PLAN. The State Plan must include the provision of EPSDT services as those services are defined in 42 U.S.C. §1396d(r). See 42 U.S.C. §§ 1396a(a)(10)(A), 1396d(a)(4)(B); see also 1396a(a)(43). Section 1396d(r) lists in detail the screening services, vision services, dental services, and hearing services that the State Plan must expressly include, but with regard to treatment services, it states that EPSDT means "[s]uch other necessary health care, diagnostic services, treatment, and other measures described in subsection (a) of this section to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening services, whether or not such services are covered under the State Plan." 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(r)(5) (emphasis added). Reading 42 U.S.C. § 1396a, 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(a), and 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(r) together, we believe that the State Plan need not specifically list every treatment service conceivably available under the EPSDT mandate.

The State Plan, however, must pay part or all of the cost of treatments to ameliorate conditions discovered by the screening process when those treatments meet the definitions set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 1396a. See 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(r)(5); see also 42 U.S.C. §§ 1396a(a)(10), 1396a(a)(43), and 1396d(a)(4)(B). The Arkansas State Plan states that the "State will provide other health care described in [42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)] that is found to be medically necessary to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening services, even when such health care is not otherwise covered under the State Plan." See State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, State Of Arkansas at §4.b. This provision meets the EPSDT mandate of the Medicaid Act.

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We affirm the district court's decision to the extent that it holds that a Medicaid-Eligible individual has a federal right to early intervention day treatment when a physician recommends such treatment. Section 1396d(r) (5) states that EPSDT includes any treatments or measures outlined in 42 U.S.C. §1396d(a). There are twenty-seven sub-parts to 42 U.S.C. §1396d (a), and we find that sub-part (a)(13), in particular, when read with the other sections of the Medicaid Act listed above, mandates that early intervention day treatment be provided when it is prescribed by a physician. See 42 U.S.C. §1396d(a)(13) (defining medical assistance reimbursable by Medicaid as "other diagnostic, screening, preventive, and rehabilitative services, including any medical or remedial services recommended by a physician...for the maximum reduction of physical and mental disability and restoration of an individual to the best possible functional level"). Therefore, after CHMS clinic staff perform a diagnostic evaluation of an eligible child, if the CHMS physician prescribes early intervention day treatment as a service that would lead to the maximum reduction of medical and physical disabilities and restoration of the child to his or her best possible functional level, the Arkansas State Plan must reimburse the treatment. Because CHMS clinics are the only providers of early intervention day treatment, Arkansas must reimburse those clinics.

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MEDICAL SERVICES - STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM/PERSONAL CARE PROGRAM.

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(a) It is the legislative intent that the Department of Human Services in its administration of the Arkansas Medicaid Program set forth Medicaid provider participation requirements for "personal care providers" that will insure sufficient available providers to meet the required needs of all eligible recipients, to include insuring available in home services twenty-four (24) hours a day and seven (7) days a week for personal care.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "private care agencies" are defined as those providers licensed by the Department of Labor, certified as Home and Community Based Services Providers and who furnish in home staffing services for respite, chore services, and homemaker services, and are covered by liability insurance of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) covering their employees and independent contractors while they are engaged in providing services, such as personal care, respite, chore services, and homemaker services.

(c) The purpose of this section is to allow the private care agencies defined herein to be eligible to provide Medicaid reimbursed personal care services seven (7) days a week, and does not supersede Department of Human Services rules establishing monthly benefit limits and prior authorization requirements.

(d) The availability of providers shall not require the Department of Human Services to reimburse for twenty-four (24) hours per day of personal care services.

(e) The Arkansas Department of Human Services, Medical Services

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Division shall take such action as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend the Arkansas Medicaid manual to include private care agencies as qualified entities to provide Medicaid reimbursed personal care services.

(f) The private care agencies shall comply with rules and regulations promulgated by the Arkansas Department of Health which shall establish a separate licensure category for the private care agencies for the provision of Medicaid reimbursable personal care services seven (7) days a week.

(g) The Arkansas Department of Health shall supervise the conduct of the personal care agencies defined herein.

(h) The purpose of this section is to insure the care provided by the private care agencies is consistent with the rules and regulations of the Arkansas Department of Health.

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ARKANSAS WORKS AND ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE RESTRICTIONS. (a) As used in this section, "Arkansas Works" means Arkansas Works established under the Arkansas Works Act of 2016, Arkansas Code § 23-61-1001 et seq.

(b)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

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

- (A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;
- (B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation

act for a state agency; and

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

(3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.

(c)(1) Except as provided in this subsection, the Department of Human Services shall not allocate, budget, expend, or utilize any appropriation authorized by the General Assembly for the purpose of advertisement, promotion, or other activities designed to promote or encourage enrollment in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or Arkansas Works, including without limitation:

- (A) Unsolicited communications mailed to potential

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recipients;

- (B) Television, radio, or online commercials;
- (C) Billboard or mobile billboard advertising;
- (D) Advertisements printed in newspapers, magazines, or other print media; and
- (E) Internet websites and electronic media.

(2) This subsection does not prohibit the department from:

- (A) Direct communications with:
 - (i) Licensed insurance agents; and
 - (ii) Persons licensed by the department;
- (B) Solicited communications with potential

recipients;

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

(ii) Educational materials and information distributed under subdivision (c)(2)(C)(i) of this section shall contain only factual information and shall not contain subjective statements regarding the coverage for which the potential recipient might be eligible; and

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

(d) The Department of Human Services shall not apply for or accept any funds, including without limitation federal funds, for the purpose of

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advertisement, promotion, or other activities designed to promote or encourage enrollment in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or Arkansas Works.

(e)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2) of this section, the Department of Human Services shall not:

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

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

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

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

(f) An appropriation authorized by the General Assembly shall not

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be subject to the provisions allowed through reallocation of resources or transfer of appropriation authority for the purpose of transferring an appropriation to any other appropriation authorized for the Department of Human Services to be allocated, budgeted, expended, or utilized in a manner prohibited by this section.

(g) The provisions of this section are severable, and the invalidity of any subsection or subdivision of this section shall not affect other provisions of the section that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

(h) This section expires on June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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SEVERABILITY. If any provisions of this act or the application of this act to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

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MEDICAID TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM - PAYING ACCOUNTS. The Medicaid Expansion Program as established by Initiated Act 1 of 2000 and enacted in the Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act shall be a separate and distinct component of the Arkansas Medicaid Program, administered by the Department of Human Services and established as set out in § 19-12-116(b) (1). Separate Paying Accounts shall be established for the Medicaid Expansion Program as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to be used exclusively for the purpose of drawing down federal funds associated with the federal share of expenditures and for the state share of expenditures transferred from the Medicaid Expansion Program Account or for any other appropriate state match funds.

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ACCOUNTS. Such appropriations and fund accounts as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this act shall be established on the books of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, State Treasurer, and the Auditor of the State.

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POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

(b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

(c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.

(d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this Section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

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TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as provided by this act.

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TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS. In the event the amount of any of the budget classifications of maintenance and general operation in this 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 shall set out on the forms the particular classifications for which he is requesting an increase or decrease, the amounts thereof, and his 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 subclassifications unless specific authority for such transfers is provided by law, except for transfers from capital outlay to data processing when determined by the ~~Department~~ Division of Information Systems that data processing services for a state agency can be performed on a more cost-efficient basis by the ~~Department~~ Division of Information Systems than through the purchase of data processing equipment by that state agency. 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 deems necessary. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall, after obtaining the approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, approve the requested transfer if in his opinion it is in the best interest of the state.

Upon determination by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services that a Reallocation of Resources is necessary for the effective operation of the Medicaid Tobacco Settlement Program Grants, the

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~~director~~ Secretary, with the approval of the Governor, shall have the authority to request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a transfer of Appropriation. This transfer authority applies only to the Medicaid Tobacco Settlement Program Grants appropriation section of this Act between the Hospital and Medical Services line item and the Prescription Drugs line item. The limitation restrictions applicable to the Department Reallocation of Resources authority applies to this section.

The General Assembly has determined that the agency in this act could be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency and that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer between certain items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the transfer of appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in the utilization of the transfer authority. Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE. The Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance of the Department of Human Services is authorized to use funds appropriated for the certification or licensure of an entity on behalf of any division of the Department of Human Services. Any entity holding a certification or license funded through an appropriation for the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance of the Department of Human Services shall hold its certification or license under the authority of the relevant division of the Department of Human Services. All laws that apply to a certified or licensed entity by a relevant division of the Department of Human Services shall apply to an entity certified or licensed by the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance on behalf of a relevant division of the Department of Human Services.

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TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE JUVENILE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM. The Department of Human Services shall provide funding in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022 for the Juvenile Ombudsman Program described in ACA 16-87-216. Upon request by the Executive Director of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer an amount not to exceed \$240,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022 from an account designated by the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services to the State Central Services Fund as a direct revenue to fund the Juvenile Ombudsman Program.

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TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR LOCAL JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer funds in an amount of \$400,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022 from the Department of Human Services - Youth Services Fund Account to the Juvenile Detention Facilities Operating Fund to fund the appropriation to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer for grants for operating expenses of local juvenile detention facilities.

The amount of the funds transferred in the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022 may be adjusted upon request of the ~~Director~~ Secretary of the Department of Human Services on a pro-rata basis with any reductions provided in the Revenue Stabilization Law from the July 1 Official Forecast of general revenue funding for the Division of Youth Services.

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YOUTH SERVICES - TIMBER SALES PROCEEDS - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT. The Division of Youth Services is authorized to use the administrative operating account for capital improvements to the physical plant and for the purchase of capital equipment by the Mansfield Youth Services Facility operated by the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services. The funds shall be held by the Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services from the proceeds of the sale of timber that may be harvested from land owned by the Division of Youth Services. All funds deposited and all expenses shall be tracked separately. The harvesting of timber is specifically authorized to provide funds to finance capital improvements to the physical plant and for the purchase of major capital equipment by the Mansfield Facility from which the timber is sold.

The Division of Youth Services shall report all income derived from the sale of timber to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Any contracts initiated for the harvesting and sale of timber shall be submitted to the Review Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for prior review. All expenditures of funds derived from the sale of timber will be expended in accordance with relevant state purchasing laws.

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICES CONTINGENCY. If it has been determined that the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services cannot continue to contract with private provider(s) for residential juvenile services, educational services, therapeutic services, and/or medical services and deems it necessary to utilize Department staff to provide all or parts of the required services above, the Department is authorized to seek the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Governor and the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee to utilize the contingent residential services positions contained in this Act and to make the appropriate transfers from any line item authorized in the RESIDENTIAL SERVICES appropriation of this Act to any line item authorized in the OPERATIONS appropriation of this Act. If it has been determined that the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services cannot continue to operate one or more of the various service components of a Residential Facility for residential juvenile services, educational services, therapeutic services, and/or medical services and deems it necessary to utilize a contract with private provider(s), the Department is authorized to seek the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Governor and the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee to make the appropriate transfers from any line item authorized in the OPERATIONS appropriation of this Act to any line item authorized in the RESIDENTIAL SERVICES appropriation of this Act.

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EXTRA HELP SALARIES - CONTINGENT RESIDENTIAL SERVICES POSITIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services - Contingent Residential Services Positions, the following maximum number of positions whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code § 21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Requests to use positions will be based upon the non-contracted services for residential juvenile services, educational services, therapeutic services, and/or medical services. If at such time a category(s) of services are contracted with private provider(s), identified positions associated with such service(s) shall be returned to the contingency pool. In order to ensure required staffing levels, Extra Help positions authorized herein are specifically exempt from limitation of hours, either by Act or regulation.

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CONTINGENT POSITIONS - RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

			MAXIMUM
ITEM	CLASS		NO. OF
NO.	CODE	TITLE	EMPLOYEES
(01)	9999	EXTRA HELP	<u>320</u>
GRAND TOTAL CONTINGENT POSITIONS			320

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SHARED SERVICES.

(a)(1)(A) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal services and operating expenses by the Department of Education.

(B) Upon prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council, or if meeting in Legislative Session the Joint Budget Committee, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account appropriation section of this act and the transfer of positions to the Regular Salaries - Shared Services appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(2) The transfer authority provided in subdivision (a)(1) of this section for efficiencies and to eliminate duplication of services are limited only to those services that are provided for multiple divisions of a department, including without limitation to administration, human resources, procurement, communications, fleet operations, and information services.

(3) The transfer authority provided to the department in subdivision (a)(1) of this section may be used to make transfers only within the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts authorized for the department.

(b)(1) Each department utilizing the Shared Services Paying Account section or Regular Salaries - Shared Services section of this act shall submit a report to be included in the Budget Manuals for hearings,

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conducted by the General Assembly, listing all shared services transfers of positions, funds, and appropriation under this section, which shall be submitted as instructed by the Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Budget for uniformity.

(2) A report submitted under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall include the following:

(A) The position number, authorized position title, class code, grade, business area, and name of the division, section, or unit for the position being transferred to the Regular Salaries - Shared Services section of this act; and

(B) The fund center, appropriation, appropriation amount, commitment item or items, business area, and name of the division, section, or unit for the fund or appropriation being transferred to the Shared Services Paying Account.

~~(c)(1) It is the intent of the Ninety-Second General Assembly that the authority under this section to transfer positions is intended for use for the time period prior to Fiscal Year 2022 to allow cabinet-level departments to establish a centralized Regular Salaries - Shared Services section, with the recommendation that the position transfer authority granted under this section be discontinued after that time.~~

~~(2) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall bring the recommendation in subdivision (c)(1) of this section to the attention of the chairs conducting the 2021 Regular Session pre-session budget hearings, the chairs of the Special Language Subcommittee, and the members of the Special Language Subcommittee during pre-session budget hearings.~~

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(d c) Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a cabinet-level department each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by delineating the maximums in the appropriation act or acts and establishing authorized positions and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the cabinet-level departments created under Acts 2019, No. 910, may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided as authorized under this section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

(e d) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the date of passage through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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CARRY FORWARD. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end fund balances or any law to the contrary, any funds which remain in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account and be made available to fund appropriation(s) authorized by law and made payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account for the following fiscal year.

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later

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than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

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SALARY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriation for the salary of the Commissioner of the Department of Education shall be the sole and exclusive authority for his or her salary. It is further the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner be required to devote all of his or her working time exclusively to the performance of his or her duties as Commissioner of the Department of Education. Therefore, the Commissioner of the Department of Education is hereby prohibited from accepting any additional salary from any other source (including state, federal, or private entities or persons) for the performance of his or her duties as Commissioner, and is prohibited from accepting any salary, fees or compensation from any other source (including state, federal or private entities or persons) for any other employment of any kind outside the scope of his or her duties as Commissioner, including but not limited to consulting work for any other public or private entity. This section shall not be construed to prohibit the Commissioner from accepting or receiving expense reimbursements and employee benefits as provided by State law.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A "POSITION POOL". (a) To address needs emerging from statewide education issues and the necessity of recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, the Arkansas Department of Education or its successor agency is authorized for the ~~2020-2021~~ 2021-2022 fiscal year a pool of no more than five (5) Information Technology positions at a salary not to exceed the maximum salary for a grade IT12. These positions are to be used by the Department of Education in the event that the personal services needs of the Department during the ~~2020-2021~~ 2021-2022 fiscal year require additional positions, either by title or in number, that are not authorized by the General Assembly in the Regular Salaries section of this Act. These positions may also be used to properly classify positions when the Department does not have a vacant position available with the appropriate title and salary level.

(b) To address needs emerging from statewide education issues and the necessity of recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, the Arkansas Department of Education or its successor agency is authorized for the ~~2020-2021~~ 2021-2022 fiscal year a pool of ten (10) General Salaries positions at up to a grade GS15. These positions are to be used by the Department of Education in the event that the personal services needs of the Department during the ~~2020-2021~~ 2021-2022 fiscal year require additional positions, either by classification or in number, that are not authorized by the General Assembly in the Regular Salaries section of this Act. These positions may also be used to properly classify positions when the Department does not have a vacant position available with the appropriate title and grade level.

(c) Any salary determinations or adjustments administered under the

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provisions of Subsections (a) and (b) of this Section shall be made by comparing the qualifications and salary levels of similar employees in school districts or in other state education agencies.

(d) The Department of Education is authorized to access the pool positions authorized in this Section at any time when it is determined by the Commissioner that the need exists. The Commissioner shall provide a monthly report of the justification for the need to allocate titles from this growth pool to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for review. The report shall also include an accounting of the names, titles, and salaries of personnel whose salaries have been adjusted under provisions of Subsections (a) and (b) of this Section.

(e) If the Department of Education requests continuation of any "Position Pool" position(s) as established herein during the next fiscal year, the position(s) must be requested as a new position(s) in the agency's budget request.

(f) Determining the number of personnel to be employed by a state agency is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by delineating the maximum number of personnel by identifying job titles and the maximum grade or salary attached to those titles. The General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Department of Education could be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency. That flexibility is being accomplished by providing a position pool in Subsections (a) and (b) of this Section and since the General Assembly has granted the agency broad powers under the growth pool

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concept, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the position pool by requiring review of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in the utilization of the position pool. Therefore, the requirement of review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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STATE FUND RESTRICTIONS. No state funds shall be used for abortion referral in public schools, or for abortion services. Funds shall be expended in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-703.

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R.I.S.E. ARKANSAS - CARRY FORWARD. Any unexpended balance of monies allocated for R.I.S.E. Arkansas remaining on June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022, in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account shall be designated and retained for the R.I.S.E. Arkansas. Any carry forward of unexpected balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in item (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall

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include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

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FUND ALLOCATION. The appropriation for the Isolated Funding line item in the Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section of this Act may be fully funded. Any funding and appropriation for Isolated Funding that is not utilized shall be transferred to the appropriation for Special Needs Isolated Funding in the Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section of this Act and shall be used there for fully funding each subsection (c) through (f) of Arkansas Code § 6-20-604 on a pro rata basis until the available funds are exhausted. Pro rata basis is defined as providing each district qualifying for additional funding under subsections (c) through (f) a proportionate share based on how each district's additional funding amount bears to the total additional funding amounts for all qualifying districts. If any funding and appropriation remains after funding each subsection (c) through (f) of Arkansas Code § 6-20-604 the remaining balance shall be used to fund the provisions of Arkansas Code § 6-20-604 (h) on an equal basis until the available funds are exhausted.

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GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS. For the purposes of distributing the Grants To School Districts appropriation in the Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section of this Act, "school district" means a school district which contracts with a school district in an adjoining state for the education of some of the pupils within the Arkansas school district because the portion of the school district wherein such pupils live is completely separated from the remainder of the school district by a reservoir covering at least 12,000 acres at normal water level, and where to attend school in their own district, the pupils of said portion would be required to travel or to be transported a distance (measured by the nearest highway or road route) of more than 35 miles round trip and pass through another school district or districts. The Department of Education shall distribute the monies appropriated for Grants to School Districts in the Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section of this Act to such school districts as reimbursement for expenses incurred in educating the pupils residing in the separated portion of the school district. The payments are to be limited to the amount of available appropriation. Such school districts shall file a request for reimbursement with the Department of Education and provide the Department of Education with such documentation as is deemed necessary.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES. The funds appropriated in the line item "Special Education Services" in the Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section of this Act shall be used to provide extended year summer programs for handicapped students in need of such services, to provide special education services to foster children who are wards of the State, and to provide funds for the payment of salaries of special education supervisors. The Department of Education shall distribute such funds in the manner necessary to carry out the intent of this Section.

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CONSOLIDATION INCENTIVE. The appropriation contained herein for Consolidation Incentive shall be allocated in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education.

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RESIDENTIAL CENTERS/JUVENILE DETENTION. The funds appropriated herein for Residential Centers/Juvenile Detention shall be allocated in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education.

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TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Commissioner of the Department of Education, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, is hereby authorized to request necessary appropriation transfers and any other budget related adjustments necessary within the Department of Education. Provided, however, that the Department of Education shall be limited to submitting no more than two transfer requests during any fiscal year.

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~

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AETN DOCUMENTED QUIZ BOWL COSTS. Of the total amount of appropriation and funds authorized herein to the Department of Education for the Quiz Bowl each fiscal year, an amount not to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) each fiscal year may be made available to the Department of Education - Educational Television Division for its documented costs associated with the Quiz Bowl.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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RETIREMENT MATCHING. Beginning with the 1996-97 school year, Local School Districts shall pay the teacher retirement employer contribution rate for any eligible employee in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Teacher Retirement Board of Directors. The appropriation contained herein for Teacher Retirement Matching each fiscal year shall be used to provide the employer matching for employees of the Cooperative Education Services Areas, Vocational Centers, Arkansas Easter Seals and the school operated by the Department of Correction.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. The Department of Education is hereby authorized to expend a maximum of two percent (2%) of available funds for administration of the Better Chance Program. Up to 1.8% of available funds shall be used to administer the program and to monitor program grantees to ensure compliance with programmatic standards. Prior to the utilization of the remaining 0.2% of available funds, the Department of Education shall seek prior review and approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee by providing a written request to include the following: a) the Department's reason(s) for the use of the funds and b) the amount of funds that will be expended. The Department may contract with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to administer the program.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY. The Arkansas Department of Education is requested to calculate Average Teacher Salary in the Department's Annual Statistical Report to not include extra duty funds. Specifically, the Department is requested to calculate the Average Teacher Salary amount using the National Education Association definitions for Average Salary for Classroom Teachers. The Arkansas Department of Education shall submit this data annually to the National Education Association in accordance with that organization's deadlines for submission for their report "Rankings and Estimates" which includes state-by-state teacher salary comparisons.

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CARRY FORWARD - ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE. Any unexpended balance of monies allocated for the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program remaining on June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022, in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account shall be designated and retained for the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program.

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

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(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE. The Employee Benefits Division may use up to eleven dollars and twenty cents (\$11.20) from each contribution made under Arkansas Code §6-17-1117(a) to offset the cost of health insurance premiums to eligible members electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance program as a retiree.

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ARKANSAS/STRIVE PROGRAM TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the State Auditor, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) during each fiscal year from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund, specifically to provide funding for the Arkansas/STRIVE Program. The total amount of funds transferred each fiscal year pursuant to this section shall not be subject to any indirect costs by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

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HEALTH INSURANCE. The appropriation contained herein for Public School Employee Insurance each fiscal year shall be used to provide the state contribution for insurance premiums for employees of the Cooperative Education Services Areas, Vocational Centers, and the school operated by the Department of Correction who participate in the Arkansas Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

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ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. The Department of Education may provide funding for Alternative Learning Environment Programs in excess of the regulatory limitation of six (6) hours per day for those programs that operate more than twelve hours per day, in a proportionate manner and upon special request to the Department of Education.

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STATE FUND RESTRICTIONS. No state funds shall be used for abortion referral in public schools, or for abortion services. Funds shall be expended in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated §6-18-703.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDING PROVISION. Effective for the plan year beginning January 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, if ninety-eight percent (98%) of the uniform rate of tax used in the calculation of State Foundation Funding Aid for fiscal year ~~2020-2021~~ 2021-2022 exceeds nine hundred twenty million seven hundred thirty-one thousand eight hundred nineteen dollars (\$920,731,819), the Department of Education shall pay up to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) of the total increase over the nine hundred twenty million seven hundred thirty-one thousand eight hundred nineteen dollars (\$920,731,819) to the Employee Benefits Division in additional health insurance contributions for eligible employees electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance program administered by the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board.

The Department of Education shall make the contributions by transferring funds to the division in quarterly installments. Funds provided by the Department of Education to the division under this section shall be administered by the board for the benefit of the employee participants of the public school employees' health insurance program.

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ARKANSAS GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL FUNDING. The Department of Education shall allocate, budget and commit for expenditure two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), in addition to funds already being provided for the Arkansas Governor’s School, to fund the appropriation authorized from general revenue for the Gifted and Talented program as appropriated in the Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section herein. With this additional funding either the department shall increase the number of grants for AEGIS summer enrichment programs, or the duration of the Arkansas Governor’s School shall be extended from four (4) weeks to six (6) weeks.

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EAST FUNDING PROVISION. Of the total amount appropriated for Technology Grants each fiscal year, an amount of not less than three million five thousand dollars (\$3,005,000) or eighteen percent (18%), whichever is greater each fiscal year, shall be awarded through a grant or professional services contract for the EAST Initiative. Not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of the three million five thousand dollars (\$3,005,000) or eighteen percent (18%) of the Technology Grants Line Item awarded to the EAST Initiatives shall be used for EAST infrastructure and personnel growth for the establishment of new programs. The remaining funding shall be used for existing EAST infrastructure, personnel, and operating expenses of the EAST Initiative. The EAST infrastructure grant or contract for personal services and operating expenses shall be awarded to an entity that has personnel or experience, or both, in implementing the EAST Initiative.

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INTERVENTION BLOCK GRANTS FUNDING RESTRICTION. The Department of Education shall make available from the Intervention Block Grants appropriation authorized by this Act, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal year for the annual expenses of the Quiz Bowl, thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) each fiscal year for Creativity in Arkansas, Inc. for grants up to \$1,000 each for students and chaperones, thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) each fiscal year for Destination Imagination, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal year for the State History Day Competition, and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) each fiscal year for a grant to the Arkansas Science Fair Association for grants to regional and the state science fairs. The Department of Education shall allocate General Revenue funding totaling no less than three hundred two thousand dollars (\$302,000) each fiscal year from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account to support the annual expenses of the Quiz Bowl, the Creativity in Arkansas, Inc. for grants up to \$1,000 each for students and chaperones, Destination Imagination, the State History Day Competition, and the Arkansas Science Fair Association for grants to regional and state science fairs. The Department shall either expend or have committed for expenditure the monies allocated for the Quiz Bowl, Creativity in Arkansas, Inc., Destination Imagination, the State History Day Competition, and Arkansas Science Fair Association grants as authorized herein in order to fulfill the provisions of this section.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

(a) Of the total amount appropriated for Professional Development Funding, three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) may be authorized by the Commissioner of the Department of Education to be used by the Department of Education to develop and implement statewide professional development support systems for teachers that will benefit student achievement.

(b)(1) The Department of Education shall annually report the following information concerning the Arkansas Online Professional Development Initiative under § 6-17-707:

- (1) Annual expenditure information;
- (2) Statistical information pertaining to users of the initiative;
- (3) Course offerings;
- (4) Course hours completed; and
- (5) Certificates awarded.

(2) The report under subsection (b)(1) of this section shall be annually submitted by August 1 to the:

- (1) Governor;
- (2) Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee;
- (3) Senate Committee on Education;
- (4) House Committee on Education; and
- (5) Department of Finance and Administration.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,

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NSL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.

(a)(1) Of the appropriation and funding for the NSL MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM Item in the Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section of this Act, five million three hundred thousand dollars (\$5,300,000) shall be set aside by the Department of Education and shall be used for school district expenditures for evidence-based programs to improve academic achievement of identified national school lunch students.

(2) These programs shall be limited to:

(A) Tutors as set out in § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(C)(i)(b)(4);

(B) Before-school academic programs and after-school academic programs, including transportation to and from the programs under § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(C)(i)(b)(2); and

(C) Prekindergarten programs under § 6-20-2305(b)(4)(C)(i)

(b)(3).

(b)(1) Set aside funds authorized in subsection (a) of this section shall be distributed to school districts on a dollar for dollar matching basis of school district expenditures for programs under subsection (a) of this section on a pro rata basis until the available funds are exhausted.

(2) As used in this subsection, "pro rata basis" means providing each district qualifying for additional funding in a proportionate share based on how each district's expenditure bears to the total of funding provided in subsection (a) of this section for all qualifying districts as determined by the Department of Education.

(c) If any funding remains after funding subsection (b) of this

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section, that remaining balance shall be carried over to the following fiscal year for the same purposes as provided in this section.

(d) The Department of Education shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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R.I.S.E. ARKANSAS. The appropriation for the R.I.S.E. Arkansas line item in the Grants and Aid to Local School Districts and Special Programs section of this Act shall be used for the coordination of a statewide reading campaign with community partners, parents, and teachers to establish the importance of reading in homes, schools, and communities.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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EDUCATOR COMPENSATION REFORM SUB-FUND. ~~Upon the effective date of this Act, or as soon thereafter as practical, the Arkansas State Treasurer shall transfer \$60,000,000 from the Educational Adequacy Fund to the Public School Fund to be used solely for the implementation of the Educator Compensation Reform Program.~~ Funds shall be kept separate from all other monies in the Public School Fund and are to be utilized over a four-year period, beginning July 1, 2019, to assist school districts in ensuring that all educators in Arkansas public school districts receive a minimum annual salary of \$36,000 by July 1, 2023. The Educator Compensation Reform Fund shall not be considered part of a school district's net legal balance or net legal balance revenues for the purpose of meeting the requirements on limitation of fund balances pursuant to A.C.A. 6-20-2210. The Arkansas Department of Education shall promulgate rules to administer this section.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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ENHANCED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING NAME CHANGE. Any appropriation titled "ENHANCED STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING" or abbreviated as "ESA" as named by SB605 of 2019 may also be known as "NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH" funding or abbreviated as "NSL" and shall be used for the same purposes as set out in law.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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TRANSFER AUTHORITY - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM. The Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation is authorized to transfer any funds that are made available for the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Program, including funds from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, to the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Fund.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Director of the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, is hereby authorized to request necessary appropriation transfers and any other budget related adjustments necessary only for the appropriations authorized in this Act. Furthermore, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation be able to make use of additional contractual services as necessary and that transfers between line items and among appropriations are anticipated to accomplish those purposes. Provided, however, that the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall be limited to submitting no more than two transfer requests during any fiscal year.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Director of the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation authorizing broad powers under the Transfer Authority

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provision herein. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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FEDERAL MATCHING. The funds appropriated in Sections for Coordinated Career Education Services, Vocational Center Aid and Vocational Start-up Grants and Aid of this Act may also be used to match any available federal funds from any agency in order to provide the maximum amount of money possible for the purposes enumerated in such Section.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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VOCATIONAL START-UP. The funds and appropriations contained herein for Vocational Start-Up shall be allocated in accordance with rules established by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board, after the rules have undergone a review and approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee under § 10-3-309.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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FUND TRANSFER. Upon approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the ~~Department~~ Division of Career and Technical Education may transfer an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per fiscal year from the Alternative Retirement Program Cash Fund to the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account ~~Education Fund Account~~ for Vocational Start-up Grants and Aid.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - EMERGENCY GRANTS & EXTRA HELP POOL. An Institution of higher education that suffers an emergency/disaster event resulting in all or a significant portion of campus operations being interrupted, may request disaster assistance through the Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education. Upon the declaration of an emergency by the Governor, the institution may request, subject to the recommendation of the Director of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education and approval of the Governor, a grant from the Disaster Relief Fund to assist in returning that campus to operation and/or to a sister campus providing services to the students from the affected campus. Certified law enforcement officers employed by an institution of higher education may be granted jurisdiction at the sister institution, upon agreement of both institutions.

The Department of Education - Division of Higher Education is authorized a pool of 500 extra help positions for use in such emergency situations. These positions may be assigned to the campus suffering the disaster event or to a sister campus providing services to the students from the affected campus. The Governor may waive the 1,500 hour limit of ACA 6-63-314 on these assigned extra help pool positions.

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DHE - REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Upon determination by the president or chancellor of an institution of higher education that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or consolidation of administrative functions within the institution is necessary for efficient and effective operations of the institution, the president or chancellor, with approval of the institution's board of trustees, may have the authority to transfer positions, appropriations and related funds between campuses, divisions, branches, and other budgetary units of the institution, after receiving prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General Assembly. The transfers, consolidations, or reorganizations which involve academic programs shall be reviewed by the Department of Higher Education prior to submission to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Provided, however, that the institution shall be limited to submitting no more than two (2) individual transaction transfer requests during any fiscal year and shall be further limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the total General Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, positions specific to each institution, and no Tobacco Settlement funds or appropriations may be reallocated pursuant to this section.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for institutions of higher education each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in

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the appropriation act(s) for institutions of higher education and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that institutions of higher education may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to institutions of higher education authorizing broad powers under this section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - LOANS. In order to provide timely payments under financial aid appropriations made in this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State is authorized to provide loans from the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund to make available all funds attributable to the financial aid programs under the then current official revenue estimates. In the event of an unanticipated state revenue shortfall, any such loans remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be repaid from revenues distributed in the first two months of the next fiscal year. Funds for appropriations made in this Act for purposes other than financial aid shall not be affected by the application of this provision.

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DHE - WORK FORCE 2000 DEVELOPMENT FUND PROCEDURES. After the amounts to be made available to the various technical colleges have been determined as set out in Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B), such documents as may be necessary shall be processed so that funds may be transferred from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund to the State Treasury fund or fund account from which the technical college draws its general revenue support. Such funds as may be transferred shall not exceed 93.691% of the total funds available from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund during the fiscal year.

In the event that a technical institute or comprehensive lifelong learning center which receives support from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund as determined by law transfers or merges into the Arkansas Technical College and Community College System for which Work Force 2000 Development Fund monies are determined by law, then the actual amount of support from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund in the preceding fiscal year for such educational institution shall be made available irrespective of any other provision of law which sets out maximum levels of support from such fund.

The funds distributed under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of those amounts collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall be deposited into the Skills Development Fund to be used only for personal services, grants, operation, support, and improvement of occupational, vocational, technical, and workforce development programs by the Department of Career Education - Office of Skills Development. The distributions of funds under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of

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those amounts collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall not apply to proceeds allocated to schools, colleges and educational institutions under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B).

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DHE - BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND. After the sum of \$13,200,000 has been deposited into the Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, any additional deposits are to be transferred to the Research Development Fund there to be used as provided by law.

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DHE - NATIONAL GUARD TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM. In addition to any other provisions of law, any student who receives assistance from the appropriation made for the "National Guard Tuition Incentive Program" in this Act shall repay any loans and/or assistance if the student receives a discharge that is a less than Honorable Discharge. Priority for funding shall be given to students already receiving assistance from the National Guard Tuition Incentive Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS - PRIORITIES. The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, after consulting with the recognized associations of each of the applicable medical professions and other interested persons, shall determine the priorities for the applicable programs enumerated in the appropriation made for "Health Education Grants and Loans" in this Act. The Arkansas ~~Department~~ Division of Higher Education, if necessary, shall re-adjust the number of positions for entering students to be funded for each applicable program based upon the priorities determined by the board.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS REPORTING. The Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall report by May 30 to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Education the budgeted allocation for each financial aid program funded through the Higher Education Grants Fund Account for the upcoming fiscal year and projections for the following year.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - AUDIT/REVIEW OF STATE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. Any post-secondary institution that receives state scholarship funds administered by the Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall be subject to audit/review of such funds by the Division of Legislative Audit, upon approval of the Legislative Joint Audit Committee.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2020 2021 through June 30, 2021-2022.~~

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DHE - FUNDING FOR SALARY INCREASES. New funding through the Revenue Stabilization Act determined by the Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education to have been for salary increases for the fiscal year for Institutions of Higher Education shall be used exclusively for salary increases. New funding actually received for salary increases shall be spent exclusively for salary increases based upon the state general revenue portion of total unrestricted educational and general revenue. Funding received under this provision shall be used for no purpose other than to provide such salary increases. Any designated funds not used for salary increases shall be recouped at the end of each fiscal year and transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

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DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer sufficient funding for the fiscal year from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account to the ~~Department~~ Division of Higher Education Fund Account in order to finance the personal services costs of a DHE Program Coordinator.

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DHE - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon certification by the Director of the ~~Department~~Division of Higher Education that transfers are needed to make maximum utilization of funds and appropriations provided for financial aid programs, and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and a review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, funds and appropriations may be transferred between financial aid programs to more adequately align the appropriation with the number of eligible students.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - TRANSFER OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. Upon certification to and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, surplus funds and appropriations may be transferred between the appropriations provided for "Health Education Grants and Loans" by this Act by the General Assembly for Dental Aid Grants and Loans, Optometry Aid Grants and Loans, Veterinary Aid, Veterinary Med. Loan Forgiveness Program, Podiatry Aid, and Chiropractic Aid.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATIONS - TRANSFERS AND REPORTS. (a) Upon approval by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, institutions of higher education may transfer appropriation from the cash contingency appropriation to any other appropriation made to the institution from cash funds including the establishment of commitment items, and may transfer appropriation from the contingency appropriation made payable from each institution's State Treasury Fund to the state operations appropriation made payable from each institution's State Treasury Fund including the establishment of commitment items, and may transfer appropriation from the contingency appropriation made payable from the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund Accounts to any other appropriation made to the institution from Tobacco Settlement Program Fund Accounts including the establishment of commitment items.

(b) Contingency appropriation transfers shall only establish and supplement commitment items that were recommended by the Higher Education Coordinating Board in the budget manuals presented to the Legislative Council and Joint Budget Committee.

(c) The Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall report contingency appropriation transfers and the establishment of any commitment items authorized by this Section to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee for review during its July meeting. The report shall include, by institution, the establishment of, and the amounts transferred to, each commitment item, the reasons therefor and the source of funds. Institutions shall submit contingency appropriation transfer and commitment

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item establishment requests authorized by this Section to the Division of Higher Education no later than July 1. Upon the failure of an institution to submit the required information by the July 1 deadline, the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall immediately notify by written notification the chairpersons of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SURF) PROGRAM. The focus of the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program is the continued development of undergraduate academic research efforts at Arkansas colleges and universities. The Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall adopt rules and regulations necessary for the proper administration of the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. Administrative functions and responsibilities may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the development of eligibility criteria, collection of applications, coordination of student evaluations, distribution of public notices, and funding of grants for academic research purposes. Staff of the Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall administer this program. The Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall be authorized to expense costs associated with the administration of the program, from funds made payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account for the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program as authorized in the Student Assistance Grants and Various Scholarships appropriation section of this Act.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - COST ALLOCATION. The Department of Education - Division of Higher Education may refund to the Division of Higher Education Fund Account or the Higher Education Grants Fund Account such amount determined by the Department to be reimbursements received from the Office of the Arkansas Lottery for costs related to the administration of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - APPROPRIATION TRANSFER PROCEDURES - AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Director of the Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall determine the amount available, up to \$200,000 per fiscal year, to fund the Arkansas Geographical Critical Needs Minority Teacher Scholarships and shall certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the State Treasurer such amount as is required to be transferred from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account. Upon receiving such certification, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the State Treasurer shall cause to be transferred the necessary funds and appropriation to the fund account of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for implementation of this program. The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff may use up to twenty percent (20%) of the funds and appropriation for administration of the program.

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

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DHE WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may transfer, on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State, funding up to the amount authorized in the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 appropriation section in this Act, from the Division of Higher Education Fund Account to the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund in order to finance the distribution of grants identified under §6-60-107.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - ARKANSAS WORKS AND ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE RESTRICTIONS. (a) As used in this section, "Arkansas Works Program" means the Arkansas Works Program established under the Identical Acts 2016 (2nd Ex. Sess.), Nos. 1 and 2, Arkansas Code § 23-61-1001 et seq.

(b)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and general revenue funding for a publicly supported institution of higher education each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

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

(A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

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

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

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

(c)(1) Except as provided in this subsection, the publicly supported institutions of higher education shall not allocate, budget, expend, or utilize any appropriation authorized by the General Assembly for the purpose of advertisement, promotion, or other activities designed to promote or

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encourage enrollment in the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace or the Arkansas Works Program, including without limitation:

(A) Unsolicited communications mailed to potential recipients;

(B) Television, radio, or online commercials;

(C) Billboard or mobile billboard advertising;

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

(E) Internet websites and electronic media.

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

(A) Direct communications with licensed insurance agents;

(B) Solicited communications with potential recipients;

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

(ii) Educational materials and information distributed under subdivision (c)(2)(C)(i) of this section shall contain only factual information and shall not contain subjective statements regarding the coverage for which the potential recipient might be eligible; and

(D) Using an Internet website for the exclusive purpose of enrolling individuals in the Arkansas Health Insurance

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Marketplace or the Arkansas Works Program.

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Subdivision (e)(1) of this section does not apply to

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certified application counselors at health related institutions, including without limitation the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

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

(g) The provisions of this section are severable, and the invalidity of any subsection or subdivision of this section shall not affect other provisions of the section that can be given effect without the invalid provision.

(h) This section expires on June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - ARKANSAS WORKFORCE CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. The Department of Education - Division of Higher Education may transfer Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship funds to:

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

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

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

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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DHE - STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROMOTION. Of the general revenue that is received by and distributed from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$295,000) to the Division of Higher Education Fund Account to be allocated, budgeted, committed and distributed to the Statewide Scholarship and Grant Promotion line item in the General Operations section of this Act for the purpose of increasing public awareness of the scholarships and grants offered by the State through the Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education. The Department shall utilize a minimum of one hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$147,500) of the aforementioned total specifically for the promotion of the Arkansas Futures Grant Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2019~~ 2020 through June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021.

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0552 DOE - DHE - Northwest Technical Institute

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SECTION#: 050

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NTI - ADDITIONAL TEACHING LOAD. Full-time staff and ten (10) extra help positions at Northwest Technical Institute, may be paid up the seventy-five dollars (\$75) per clock hour for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021, for noncredit teaching assignments; or up to five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) per semester hour for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021, for teaching courses beyond the defined teaching load; and the employee's maximum allowable salary may be exceeded by such amount; provided, however, that such additional teaching load may not exceed one hundred fifty (150) clock hours or nine (9) semester credit hours per school year. Further, the provisions of this section shall only apply to credit and noncredit courses that are funded by Private Industry.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Blind shall transfer appropriation from the Summer Projects line item, in the State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Personal Services Matching, Overtime and Maintenance & General Operations line items in the State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to compensate staff who work during the summer months on summer projects, and to cover other expenses of summer project activities. The Summer Projects line item may also be used for the annual cost related to the compensation of eligible staff for shift differential pay as well as compensation of employees for performance of duties assigned as referenced in the Special Allowance Special Language Section of this Act. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - SPECIAL ALLOWANCE. The Arkansas School for the Blind may make special allowances available to any employee who performs one of the following duties in addition to their normal duties:

- 1) Teaching adult education classes, parent training, student tutorial services on weekends or evenings
- 2) Coaching one or more sports
- 3) Sponsoring a club or organization that involves additional hours outside of the normal working day
- 4) Interpretive Services

Compensation for additional duties may not exceed \$3,500 per school term for any one employee during each fiscal year. Such pay shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said position.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - ADDITIONAL SALARY/ COMPENSATION PROVISION. No employee drawing a salary or other form of compensation from the Arkansas Schools for the Deaf or Blind shall be paid an additional salary or receive additional compensation, other than reimbursement for actual expenses, from that agency, nor from any other agency or institution of higher education, except from the Superintendent's written certification to and approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that the work performed by the employee for the other position does not interfere with the proper and required performance of the employee's primary duties, and that the combined salary payments from both positions will not exceed the maximum annual salary for whichever of the two positions has the higher authorized maximum annual salary.

Any employee knowingly violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to immediate termination and shall be barred from employment by any agency or institution of the State of Arkansas for a period of not less than three (3) years or until such employee shall repay to the State of Arkansas any sums received by such employee in violation of this section, together with interest at a rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS. The State Board of Education shall make reasonable rules and regulations to implement the Braille and Large Print Textbooks appropriation and is hereby authorized to negotiate directly with publishers of Braille and Large Print Textbooks for the purchase of such textbooks. The Arkansas School for the Blind (ASB) is authorized to use funds from this account for costs associated with providing Braille Textbooks and Large Print Textbooks to public schools. If funding allows and the need is present, the Arkansas School for the Blind is authorized to use funds from this account to purchase electronic textbooks, adaptive technology, and library media.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ADE - ASB - SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. Employees who, in addition to working during the regular school term, also work during summer months shall be authorized as additional compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their annual salary for each month or part thereof worked. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees. Payment of additional compensation shall be limited to employees in the following classifications:

CLASS CODE	SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS	GRADE
E044C	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	GS06
M026C	Licensed Social Worker	GS07
M020C	Licensed Professional Counselor	GS08
E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
M088C	Licensed Master Social Worker	GS08
E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - CERTIFIED MASTERS OR BACHELOR TEACHERS ENTERING STATE SERVICE. Upon the superintendent's certification to the State Personnel Administrator of prior service at an educational institution and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the salary of teachers entering state service as teachers for the sensory impaired may be adjusted to a rate of pay closest to but not less than the annual salary they would have received from their previous employer, effective upon employment at ADE - ASB.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - TEACHER SALARY INCREASE. In the event that an act is enacted in which the public schools receive funds from the General Assembly to raise the salaries of teachers employed in the public school districts, the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind shall be included.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - SPECIAL RATES OF PAY. Due to the need to meet the minimum compensation schedule as established by Act 74 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session of the 84th General Assembly, or its successor, for public school teachers, counselors, and librarians and other education professionals as listed in subsection (a) below, the Arkansas School for the Blind is authorized to adjust current or new employees to at least the minimum level of compensation for public school employees.

For current or new employees in the positions listed in subsection (a) below, the Arkansas School for the Blind may implement salary adjustments to maintain equity between their teacher salaries and those of Central Arkansas Public School Systems only after a plan for determining and implementing those adjustments has been reviewed by the Office of Personnel Management and by the Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council and approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

For purposes of implementing the plan, the Arkansas School for the Blind is authorized special rates of pay up to the maximum of the assigned grade for classifications listed in subsection (a) below.

(a) CLASS CODE	TITLE	GRADE
E044C	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	GS06
E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
E036C	Certified Masters Degree Librarian	GS09
E032C	Education Counselor	GS07
L042C	School Speech Pathologist	MP01
E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09

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E017C Assistant Principal GS10
E004C School Principal GS11

Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that is supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required, be provided by a transfer from the Performance Fund to the proper fund or fund account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The Arkansas School for the Blind shall, in addition to the funds provided in this Act for Annual Career Service Recognition Payments from the Performance Fund, make available any funding generated from agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as provided by law.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS.

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(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the School for the Blind Fund Account on June 30, 2021 into a sub-fund created within the School for the Blind Fund Account to be used for special maintenance, renovations, or future construction projects of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind.

(b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency, board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward, the program name or line item and the funding source; and

(2) The Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and

(3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the budget manuals.

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ADE - ASD - SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. Employees who, in addition to working during the regular school term, also work during summer months shall be authorized as additional compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their annual salary for each month or part thereof worked. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

Payment of additional compensation shall be limited to employees in the following classifications:

CLASS CODE	SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS	GRADE
E044C	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	GS06
E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
L042C	School Speech Pathologist	MP01
L045C	Audiologist	MP01
E036C	Certified Master's Degree Librarian	GS09
E032C	Education Counselor	GS07
M020C	Licensed Professional Counselor	GS08
E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10
E004C	School Principal	GS11

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - SPECIAL ALLOWANCE. The Arkansas School for the Deaf may make special allowances available to any employee who performs one of the following duties in addition to their normal duties:

- 1) Teaching adult education classes, parent training, student tutorial services on weekends or evenings
- 2) Coaching one or more sports
- 3) Sponsoring a club or organization that involves additional hours outside of the normal working day
- 4) Interpretive Services

Compensation for additional duties may not exceed \$3,500 per school term for any one employee during each fiscal year. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employee.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - ADDITIONAL SALARY/ COMPENSATION PROVISION. No employee drawing a salary or other form of compensation from the Arkansas School for the Deaf shall be paid an additional salary or receive additional compensation, other than reimbursement for actual expenses, from that agency, nor from any other agency or institution of higher education, except from the Superintendent's written certification to and approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that the work performed by the employee for the other position does not interfere with the proper and required performance of the employee's primary duties, and that the combined salary payments from both positions will not exceed the maximum annual salary for whichever of the two positions has the higher authorized maximum annual salary.

Any employee knowingly violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to immediate termination and shall be barred from employment by any agency or institution of the State of Arkansas for a period of not less than three (3) years or until such employee shall repay to the State of Arkansas any sums received by such employee in violation of this section, together with interest at a rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL. For Arkansas School for the Deaf, shift work must begin not earlier than 2:00 p.m. and end no later than 8:00 a.m. the following day.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Deaf shall transfer appropriation from the Miscellaneous Activities line item in the State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Personal Service Matching, Overtime, and Maintenance and General Operations line items also in the State Operations Appropriation, to compensate staff who work during the summer months on summer projects and to cover other expenses of summer project activities. The Miscellaneous Activities line item may also be used for the annual cost related to the payment of contracted interpreter services, compensation of eligible staff for shift differential pay, and compensation of employees for performance of duties assigned as referenced in the Special Allowance Special Language of this Act. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - TEACHER SALARY INCREASE. In the event that an act is enacted in which the public schools receive funds from the General Assembly to raise the salaries of teachers employed in the public school districts, the Arkansas School for the Deaf shall be included.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - SPECIAL RATES OF PAY. Due to the need to meet the minimum compensation schedule as established by Act 74 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session of the 84th General Assembly, or its successor, for public school teachers, counselors, and librarians and other education professionals as listed in subsection (a) below, the Arkansas School for the Deaf is authorized to adjust current or new employees to at least the minimum level of compensation for public school employees.

For current or new employees in the positions listed in subsection (a) below, the Arkansas School for the Deaf may implement salary adjustments to maintain equity between their teacher salaries and those of Central Arkansas Public School Systems only after a plan for determining and implementing those adjustments has been reviewed by the Office of Personnel Management and by the Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee and approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

For purposes of implementing the plan, the Arkansas School for the Deaf is authorized special rates of pay up to the maximum of the assigned grade for classifications listed in subsection (a) below.

(a) CLASS CODE	TITLE	GRADE
E044C	Certified Bachelors Teacher	GS06
E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
E036C	Certified Masters Degree Librarian	GS09
E032C	Education Counselor	GS07
L042C	School Speech Pathologist	MP01
E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09

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E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10
E004C	School Principal	GS11

Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that is supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required, be provided by a transfer from the Performance Fund to the proper fund or fund account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. The Arkansas School for the Deaf shall, in addition to the funds provided in this Act for Annual Career Service Recognition Payments from the Performance Fund, make available any funding generated from agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as provided by law.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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0513 DOE - School for the Deaf

ACT#: new

SECTION#: new

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS.

(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of funds remaining in the School for the Deaf Fund Account on June 30, 2021 into a sub-fund created within the School for the Deaf Fund Account to be used for special maintenance, renovations, or future construction projects of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf.

(b) Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency, board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward, the program name or line item and the funding source; and

(2) The Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and

(3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the budget manuals.

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The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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0519 DOE - Arkansas State Library

ACT#: 0056

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

CARRY FORWARD. At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2020~~ 2021, any unexpended balance of monies provided from the State Library Fund Account for Books and Subscriptions, as provided in the State Operations Appropriation of this Act, shall be transferred forward and made available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative

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Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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0519 DOE - Arkansas State Library

ACT#: 0056

SECTION#: 010

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish upon request from the Arkansas Department of Education - Arkansas State Library a special appropriation line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items. When the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library wishes to transfer monies from its operating expenses to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this Section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this Section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~
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0516 Educational Television Commission, Arkansas

ACT#: 0057

SECTION#: 002

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division - State Operations for the ~~2020-2021~~ 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the appropriate classification. Many of these positions are related to specific projects, and those positions so related are specifically exempt from limitations of hours, either by act or regulation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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0516 Educational Television Commission, Arkansas

ACT#: 0057

SECTION#: 004

CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

EXTRA HELP - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division - Cash Operations for the ~~2020-2021~~ 2021-2022 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: forty-six (46) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the appropriate classification. Many of these positions are related to specific projects, and those positions so related are specifically exempt from limitations of hours, either by act or regulation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2020~~ 2021 through June 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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