



**STATE OF ARKANSAS  
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS  
GOVERNOR**

March 15, 2023

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to SB75, the 2023-2024 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Education – Division of Higher Education.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – GENERAL OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(19)	G102C	DHE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	<del>17</del> 18	GRADE GS09
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<del>53</del> 54	

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – GENERAL OPERATIONS as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	<del>\$2,107,687</del> \$2,157,909
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<del>673,463</del> 691,934
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<del>\$4,185,155</del> \$4,253,848

This request will provide a position to administer the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program that was created by Act 237 of 2023, the LEARNS Act.

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Please amend SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION – STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(04) STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM	2,000,000	4,000,000
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<del>\$62,950,000</del>	<del>\$64,950,000</del>

This request will provide sufficient appropriation for the State Teacher Education Program.

Immediately following Section 23, please insert SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM as follows and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program Fund, for scholarships, personal services and operating expenses necessary to create and maintain the Department of Education – Division of Higher Education - Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(1) <u>ARKANSAS TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM</u>		<u>\$12,000,000</u>

This request will provide sufficient appropriation for the implementation of the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Sarah Huckabee Sanders

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
94th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2023  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 75**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. \_\_\_ to Senate Bill No. 75**

Amend Senate Bill No. 75 as engrossed S2/13/23 (version: 02/13/2023 2:16:28 PM):

Page 2, line 15, delete "17" and substitute "18"

AND

Page 2, line 26, delete "53" and substitute "54"

AND

Page 3, line 9, delete "\$2,107,687" and substitute "\$2,157,909"

AND

Page 3, line 11, delete "673,463" and substitute "691,934"

AND

Page 3, line 20, delete "\$4,185,155" and substitute "\$4,253,848"

AND

Page 4, line 30, delete "2,000,000" and substitute "4,000,000"

AND

Page 5, line 11, delete "\$62,950,000" and substitute "\$64,950,000"

AND

Page 12, immediately following SECTION 23, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

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" SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program Fund, for scholarships, personal services, and operating expenses necessary to create and maintain the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(1) ARKANSAS TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>\$12,000,000"</u>

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

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 Secretary

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S1/30/23 S2/13/23*  
2 94th General Assembly **A Bill**  
3 Regular Session, 2023

SENATE BILL 75

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE  
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
17 DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL  
19 YEAR.

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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
25 established for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education  
26 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
27 employees.

			Maximum	Maximum Annual
			No. of	Salary Rate
Item	Class		Employees	Fiscal Year
No.	Code	Title		2023-2024
(1)	U024U	DHE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	D022N	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(3)	D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT08
(4)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08



1	(5)	D028C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07
2	(6)	D016C SENIOR TECHNOLOGY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
3	(7)	G281C ADE POLICY & SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
4	(8)	N002N DHE SENIOR ASSOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
5	(9)	N069N ADE SPECIAL ADVISOR	1	GRADE GS14
6	(10)	N055N DHE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
7	(11)	A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
8	(12)	N054N DHE CAREER PATHWAYS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
9	(13)	N167N DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
10	(14)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
11	(15)	G058C DHE FEDERAL PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS11
12	(16)	E061C ACE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
13	(17)	G071C DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	6	GRADE GS10
14	(18)	E062C ACE PROGRAM ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
15	(19)	G102C DHE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	<del>17</del> 18	GRADE GS09
16	(20)	G080C NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SVCS EXEC. DIR.	1	GRADE GS09
17	(21)	G295C OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MED PROG ADMIN	1	GRADE GS09
18	(22)	P005C DHE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
19	(23)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
20	(24)	G176C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
21	(25)	G214C GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
22	(26)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
23	(27)	G202C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
24	(28)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
25	(29)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
26		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<del>53</del> 54	

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28 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby

29 authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education

30 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or

31 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds

32 appropriated herein for such purposes: fifteen (15) temporary or part-time

33 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the

34 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act

35 for the appropriate classification.

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1 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 2 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division  
 3 of Higher Education Fund Account, for personal services and operating  
 4 expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education -  
 5 General Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	<i>\$2,157,909</i> <del>\$2,107,687</del>
10 (02) EXTRA HELP	75,000
11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<i>\$691,934</i> <del>673,463</del>
12 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	959,346
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	24,659
15 (C) PROF. FEES	50,000
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17 (E) DATA PROC.	0
18 (05) STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT	
19 PROMOTION	<u>295,000</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<i>\$4,253,848</i> <u><del>\$4,185,155</del></u>

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 22 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION. There  
 23 is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher  
 24 Education - State Board of Private Career Education for the 2023-2024 fiscal  
 25 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be  
 26 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such  
 27 purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of  
 28 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 29 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 30 classification.

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 32 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION -  
 33 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to  
 34 be payable from the Private Career Education Fund, for personal services and  
 35 operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher  
 36 Education - State Board of Private Career Education - Operations for the