

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2024
4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 74

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION
11 TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 871 OF 2023; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
15 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. There is
22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
23 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
24 Officer of the State, for Medicaid reimbursement and administration of the
25 Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education -
26 Medicaid Reimbursement Program which shall be supplemental and in addition to
27 those funds appropriated in Section 14 of Act 871 of 2023, the following:
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29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
31 (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

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33 SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
34 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
35 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
36 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and



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

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7 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
8 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
9 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
10 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
11 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
12 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
13 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
14 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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16 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
17 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
18 the Department of Education are, due to unforeseen circumstances,
19 insufficient for the Department of Education to continue to provide essential
20 governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide the
21 necessary monies for the Department of Education to continue such services;
22 and that a delay in the effective date of this Act could work irreparable
23 harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
24 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
25 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
26 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its
27 passage and approval.

28 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
29 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
30 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
31 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
32 overrides the veto.