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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 - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
16 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2018-2019 FISCAL
18 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. There is hereby established for the
25 Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind for the 2018-2019
26 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2018-2019
32	(1) U030U	BLIND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	1	GRADE SE01
33	(2) L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MP01
34	(3) L042C	SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP01
35	(4) D061C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORD SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
36	(5) E004C	SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	2	GRADE GS11



1	(6)	L040C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
2	(7)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
3	(8)	E024C TEACHER SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
4	(9)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
5	(10)	E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	35	GRADE GS08
6	(11)	M088C LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE GS08
7	(12)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
8	(13)	S008C CAMPUS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
9	(14)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
10	(15)	M024C RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
11	(16)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
12	(17)	E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	1	GRADE GS06
13	(18)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	2	GRADE GS06
14	(19)	S025C BUILDING AND GROUNDS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS05
15	(20)	A090C PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
16	(21)	S038C TRANSIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
17	(22)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
18	(23)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
19	(24)	S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
20	(25)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
21	(26)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	2	GRADE GS04
22	(27)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	3	GRADE GS03
23	(28)	C058C EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL	6	GRADE GS03
24	(29)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
25	(30)	M074C RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR	13	GRADE GS03
26	(31)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS02
27	(32)	S062C INSTITUTIONAL BUS DRIVER	1	GRADE GS02
28	(33)	S086C COOK	7	GRADE GS01
29	(34)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	4	GRADE GS01
30	(35)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
31		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	105	

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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind for the 2018-2019 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:

1 seventeen (17) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay
 2 not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation
 3 Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 5 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 6 appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind,
 7 to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for personal
 8 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas
 9 School for the Blind - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 10 2019, the following:

12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
14 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,883,039
15 (02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
16 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,368,103
17 (04) OVERTIME	10,000
18 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,173,656
20 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,015
21 (C) PROF. FEES	99,000
22 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23 (E) DATA PROC.	0
24 (06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	200,000
25 (07) VOCATIONAL WORKSTUDY	10,000
26 (08) SUMMER PROJECTS	<u>100,000</u>
27 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,865,813</u></u>

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 29 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 30 appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind,
 31 to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal
 32 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 33 Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Federal Operations
 34 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

36 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$36,192
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	15,000
4	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	15,773
5	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	277,712
7	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	61,382
8	(C) PROF. FEES	220,275
9	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	85,000
10	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$711,334</u></u>

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13 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 14 appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind,
 15 to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the
 16 Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind, for operating
 17 expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind -
 18 Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
22	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$186,508
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	13,000
25	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
27	(E) DATA PROC.	0
28	(02) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>125,000</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$474,508</u></u>

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31 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS. There is
 32 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the
 33 Blind, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for
 34 purchasing, copying, and shipping Braille and large print textbooks for the
 35 blind and visually impaired students attending the public schools in Arkansas
 36 by the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Braille and

1 Large Print Textbooks for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the
 2 following:

4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
6 (01) BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS	<u>\$223,024</u>

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 8 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - BUILDING DEMOLITION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-
 9 UP. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas
 10 School for the Blind, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas
 11 Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind,
 12 for maintenance and general operating expenses related to the demolition and
 13 environmental clean-up of the building located on the Blind School Grounds
 14 that was formerly occupied by Easter Seals Arkansas for the fiscal year
 15 ending June 30, 2019, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
19 (01) MAINTENANCE AND GEN OPER EXPENSES	<u>\$200,000</u>

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 21 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 23 PROVISION. Upon approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the
 24 Arkansas School for the Blind shall transfer appropriation from the Summer
 25 Projects line item, in the State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the
 26 Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Personal Services Matching, Overtime and
 27 Maintenance & General Operations line items in the State Operations
 28 Appropriation of this Act, to compensate staff who work during the summer
 29 months on summer projects, and to cover other expenses of summer project
 30 activities. The Summer Projects line item may also be used for the annual
 31 cost related to the compensation of eligible staff for shift differential pay
 32 as well as compensation of employees for performance of duties assigned as
 33 referenced in the Special Allowance Special Language Section of this Act.
 34 Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum
 35 salary authorized for said employees.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~

1 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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 3 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL
 5 ALLOWANCE. The Arkansas School for the Blind may make special allowances
 6 available to any employee who performs one of the following duties in
 7 addition to their normal duties:

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

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

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
 18 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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 20 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

33 Any employee knowingly violating the provisions of this section shall be
 34 subject to immediate termination and shall be barred from employment by any
 35 agency or institution of the State of Arkansas for a period of not less than
 36 three (3) years or until such employee shall repay to the State of Arkansas

1 any sums received by such employee in violation of this section, together
 2 with interest at a rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
 4 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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 6 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BRAILLE
 8 AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS. The State Board of Education shall make reasonable
 9 rules and regulations to implement the Braille and Large Print Textbooks
 10 appropriation and is hereby authorized to negotiate directly with publishers
 11 of Braille and Large Print Textbooks for the purchase of such textbooks. The
 12 Arkansas School for the Blind (ASB) is authorized to use funds from this
 13 account for costs associated with providing Braille Textbooks and Large Print
 14 Textbooks to public schools. If funding allows and the need is present, the
 15 Arkansas School for the Blind is authorized to use funds from this account to
 16 purchase electronic textbooks and adaptive technology.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
 18 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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 20 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SUMMER
 22 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. Employees who, in addition to working during the regular
 23 school term, also work during summer months shall be authorized as additional
 24 compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their annual salary for each
 25 month or part thereof worked. Such additional compensation shall not be
 26 construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.
 27 Payment of additional compensation shall be limited to employees in the
 28 following classifications:

<u>CLASS CODE</u>	SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS	GRADE
<u>E044C</u>	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	G117 <u>GS06</u>
<u>M026C</u>	Licensed Social Worker	G118 <u>GS07</u>
<u>M020C</u>	Licensed Professional Counselor	G119 <u>GS08</u>
<u>E035C</u>	Certified Masters Teacher	G119 <u>GS08</u>
<u>M088C</u>	Licensed Master Social Worker	G120 <u>GS08</u>
<u>E024C</u>	Teacher Supervisor	G120 <u>GS09</u>
<u>E025C</u>	Educational Specialist	G120 <u>GS09</u>

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Assistant Principal

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2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017
3 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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5 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CERTIFIED
7 MASTERS OR BACHELOR TEACHERS ENTERING STATE SERVICE. Upon the
8 superintendent's certification to the State Personnel Administrator of prior
9 service at an educational institution and with the approval of the Chief
10 Fiscal Officer of the State, the salary of teachers entering state service as
11 teachers for the sensory impaired may be adjusted to a rate of pay closest to
12 but not less than the annual salary they would have received from their
13 previous employer, effective upon employment at ASB.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017
15 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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17 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TEACHER
19 SALARY INCREASE. In the event that an act is enacted in which the public
20 schools receive funds from the General Assembly to raise the salaries of
21 teachers employed in the public school districts, the Arkansas School for the
22 Blind shall be included.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2017
24 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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26 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL
28 RATES OF PAY. Due to the need to meet the minimum compensation schedule as
29 established by Act 74 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session of the 84th General
30 Assembly, or its successor, for public school teachers, counselors, and
31 librarians and other education professionals as listed in subsection (a)
32 below, the Arkansas School for the Blind is authorized to adjust current or
33 new employees to at least the minimum level of compensation for public school
34 employees.

35 For current or new employees in the positions listed in subsection (a)
36 below, the Arkansas School for the Blind may implement salary adjustments to

1 maintain equity between their teacher salaries and those of Central Arkansas
 2 Public School Systems only after a plan for determining and implementing
 3 those adjustments has been reviewed by the Office of Personnel Management and
 4 by the Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council and approved
 5 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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

9 (a) <u>CLASS CODE</u>	TITLE	GRADE
10 <u>E044C</u>	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	E117 <u>GS06</u>
11 <u>E035C</u>	Certified Masters Teacher	E119 <u>GS08</u>
12 <u>E036C</u>	Certified Masters Degree Librarian	E119 <u>GS09</u>
13 <u>E032C</u>	Education Counselor	E119 <u>GS07</u>
14 <u>L042C</u>	School Speech Pathologist	E119 <u>MP01</u>
15 <u>E024C</u>	Teacher Supervisor	E120 <u>GS09</u>
16 <u>E025C</u>	Educational Specialist	E120 <u>GS09</u>
17 <u>E017C</u>	Assistant Principal	E123 <u>GS10</u>
18 <u>E004C</u>	School Principal	E126 <u>GS11</u>

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

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~
 29 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

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 31 SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 32 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 33 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 34 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 35 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 36 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal

1 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 2 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 3 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 5 SECTION 17. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 6 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 7 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 8 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 9 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 10 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 11 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 12 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 14 SECTION 18. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1,
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