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SENATE BILL 60

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES

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AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF

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EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025;

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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL

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YEAR.

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

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SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby

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established for the Department of Education for the 2024-2025 fiscal year,

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the following maximum number of regular employees.

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Maximum Annual

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Maximum

Salary Rate

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Item Class

No. of

Fiscal Year

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No. Code Title

Employees

2024-2025

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(1) SC004 SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

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GRADE SE05

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(2) E080C ADE CHIEF OF STAFF

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GRADE SE04

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(3) U089U DHE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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GRADE SE02

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(4) G331C ADE CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL

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GRADE SE01

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(5) D011N ADE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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GRADE SE01

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(6) N009N ASST COMMISSIONER FISCAL & ADMIN SVCS

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GRADE SE01

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(7) D006N STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT

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GRADE IT10



1	(8)	E007N ADE DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE	1	GRADE IT09
2	(9)	D022N IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
3	(10)	D006C SOFTWARE ENGINEER LEAD	1	GRADE IT08
4	(11)	D030C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	3	GRADE IT07
5	(12)	D028C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07
6	(13)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT06
7	(14)	D047C INFORMATION SYSTEMS BUSINESS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
8	(15)	D061C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05
9	(16)	G001N ADE LITIGATION ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS15
10	(17)	G281C ADE POLICY & SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
11	(18)	N002N DHE SENIOR ASSOC DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS15
12	(19)	N069N ADE SPECIAL ADVISOR	1	GRADE GS14
13	(20)	E001N ADE COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS	1	GRADE GS13
14	(21)	G019C GENERAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS13
15	(22)	G012C ADE ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR	3	GRADE GS12
16	(23)	E076C ADE CAREER EDUCATION DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
17	(24)	G025C ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS12
18	(25)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS11
19	(26)	N149N ADE COORD FISCAL DISTRESS	1	GRADE GS11
20	(27)	A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE GS11
21	(28)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS11
22	(29)	E006C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
23	(30)	E061C ACE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
24	(31)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
25	(32)	G073C ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS10
26	(33)	E016C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
27	(34)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
28	(35)	G074C ADE COORD OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	1	GRADE GS09
29	(36)	A032C ADE FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
30	(37)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	4	GRADE GS09
31	(38)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
32	(39)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
33	(40)	E019C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
34	(41)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	2	GRADE GS08
35	(42)	G093C OPERATIONS MANAGER	3	GRADE GS08
36	(43)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	3	GRADE GS08

1	(44)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
2	(45)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
3	(46)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
4	(47)	R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
5	(48)	S008C CAMPUS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
6	(49)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
7	(50)	A075C FINANCIAL ANALYST I	1	GRADE GS07
8	(51)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
9	(52)	P020C PRODUCTION ARTIST	1	GRADE GS07
10	(53)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
11	(54)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
12	(55)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
13	(56)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
14	(57)	A090C PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS05
15	(58)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
16	(59)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
17	(60)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
18	(61)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
19	(62)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
20	(63)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
21	(64)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
22		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	86	

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24 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is
 25 hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Shared Services Paying
 26 Account for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
 27 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 28 appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time
 29 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 30 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 31 for the appropriate classification.

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33 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is
 34 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 35 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 36 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education -

1 Shared Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,087,880
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	80,000
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,033,839
8 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	100,000
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
11 (C) PROF. FEES	0
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,311,719</u></u>

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16 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 17 established for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and
 18 Secondary Education for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum
 19 number of regular employees.

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21	22	23	24	Maximum Annual
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year	Salary Rate
<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
25 (1)	U033U	COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION	1	GRADE SE05
26 (2)	U027U	DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION	1	GRADE SE03
27 (3)	E081C	ADE ASSOCIATE DEPUTY	3	GRADE SE02
28 (4)	N005N	ADE ASST COMMISSIONER LEARNING SERVICES	1	GRADE SE01
29 (5)	N006N	ADE ASST COMMISSIONER PUB SCH ACCOUNT	1	GRADE SE01
30 (6)	N008N	ASST COMMISSIONER RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY	1	GRADE SE01
31 (7)	N010N	ASST COMM EDUC EFFECTIVENESS	1	GRADE SE01
32 (8)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP02
33 (9)	D104C	ADE STATE SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	4	GRADE IT08
34 (10)	D030C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT07
35 (11)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
36 (12)	D047C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS BUSINESS ANALYST	2	GRADE IT05

1	(13)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
2	(14)	D044C SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
3	(15)	D064C WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT04
4	(16)	D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE IT02
5	(17)	E082C ADE PROGRAM DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
6	(18)	E072C DIRECTOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND STEM	1	GRADE GS15
7	(19)	N069N ADE SPECIAL ADVISOR	6	GRADE GS14
8	(20)	E003N ADE COORD SCH. IMP / STANDARDS ASSUR	1	GRADE GS13
9	(21)	E001N ADE COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS	7	GRADE GS13
10	(22)	A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
11	(23)	G012C ADE ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR	6	GRADE GS12
12	(24)	G006C ADE SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS12
13	(25)	A021C AGENCY CONTROLLER I	1	GRADE GS12
14	(26)	E006N ADE COORD COMPUTER SCIENCE	1	GRADE GS11
15	(27)	E069C ADE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAID IN SCHOOLS	1	GRADE GS11
16	(28)	E006C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM MANAGER	13	GRADE GS11
17	(29)	E007C ADE OERZ DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS10
18	(30)	G075C ADE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	3	GRADE GS10
19	(31)	E016C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	19	GRADE GS10
20	(32)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	5	GRADE GS09
21	(33)	A032C ADE FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS09
22	(34)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
23	(35)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	4	GRADE GS09
24	(36)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
25	(37)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	3	GRADE GS09
26	(38)	E019C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISOR	102	GRADE GS09
27	(39)	E066C DCCECE EDUCATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
28	(40)	E026C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
29	(41)	L043C HEALTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS08
30	(42)	L035C NUTRITIONIST CONSULTANT	9	GRADE GS08
31	(43)	G093C OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
32	(44)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	5	GRADE GS08
33	(45)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
34	(46)	G267C DHS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY ANALYST	1	GRADE GS07
35	(47)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
36	(48)	A063C RESEARCH & STATISTICS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07

1	(49) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	12	GRADE GS06
2	(50) M053C CHILD CARE SERVICE SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS06
3	(51) A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS06
4	(52) G180C GRANTS ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
5	(53) R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
6	(54) G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
7	(55) G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
8	(56) V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
9	(57) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
10	(58) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	29	GRADE GS04
11	(59) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>17</u>	GRADE GS03
12	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	302	

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14 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,
 15 for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary
 16 Education - State Operations for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following
 17 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 18 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: eight (8)
 19 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 20 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 21 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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23 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 24 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division
 25 of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account, for personal services and
 26 operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary
 27 and Secondary Education - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June
 28 30, 2025, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$13,541,574
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	160,000
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,723,644
35	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,411,057

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	93,161
2	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,129,436</u>

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7 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL GRANTS ADMINISTRATION. There is

8 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the

9 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for

10 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education -

11 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Federal Grants

12 Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$254,677
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	88,477
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	49,970
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,672
21	(C) PROF. FEES	260,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$672,796</u>

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26 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - BUILDING MAINTENANCE. There is hereby

27 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the

28 Educational Buildings Maintenance Fund, for operating expenses of the

29 Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education -

30 Building Maintenance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
34	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$500,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

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 6 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - REVOLVING LOAN CERTIFICATES PROGRAM. There
 7 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from
 8 the Education Revolving Loan Certificates Fund, for personal services,
 9 operating expenses, and loans to school districts by the Department of
 10 Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Revolving Loan
 11 Certificates Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:
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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$52,281
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	19,521
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	27,500
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
20	(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(04) LOANS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS	13,000,000
24	(05) LOANS TO OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS	<u>10,000,000</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$23,111,802</u></u>

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 27 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM. There is hereby
 28 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal
 29 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 30 services, operating expenses, aid and reimbursements of the Department of
 31 Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Child Nutrition
 32 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:
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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,157,877

1	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	438,798
2	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,172,100
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	52,600
5	(C) PROF. FEES	156,400
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(04) SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE/NUTRITION ED	425,000,000
9	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>450,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$428,477,775</u>

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12 SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP - FEDERAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

13 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of
 14 Elementary and Secondary Education - Federal Elementary and Secondary
 15 Education for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 16 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
 17 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: three (3) temporary or part-
 18 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in
 19 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this
 20 act for the appropriate classification.

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22 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 24 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 25 State, for personal services, operating expenses, aid and reimbursements of
 26 the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
 27 - Federal Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June
 28 30, 2025, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,871,387
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,072,761
35	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	91,242,005

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	715,500
2	(C) PROF. FEES	12,851,105
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) ENTITLEMENT GRANT PROGRAMS	1,172,398,129
6	(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>1,110,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,282,470,887</u>

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9 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - MULTIPLE GRANT AWARD PROGRAM. There is
 10 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 11 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 12 Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants by the Department of
 13 Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Multiple Grant
 14 Award Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
18	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$422,000
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	16,500
21	(C) PROF. FEES	40,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
23	(E) DATA PROC.	0
24	(02) MULTIPLE GRANT AWARDS	<u>1,900,000</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,478,500</u>

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27 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. There is
 28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 29 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 30 Officer of the State, for Medicaid reimbursement and administration of the
 31 Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education -
 32 Medicaid Reimbursement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the
 33 following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

1	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	\$13,659,017
2	(02) MEDICAID ADMIN	<u>10,500</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,669,517</u>

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5 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. There

6 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from

7 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

8 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants by the

9 Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education -

10 Alternative Certification Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,

11 the following:

13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
15	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$227,367
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,500
18	(C) PROF. FEES	35,420
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0
21	(02) ALT. CERT. PROG. GRANTS AND AID	<u>1,077,925</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,349,212</u>

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24 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - CONFERENCES. There is hereby appropriated,

25 to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in

26 the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,

27 for operating expenses of conferences sponsored by the Department of

28 Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Conferences for

29 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
33	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$400,000
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	50,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$475,000</u></u>

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5 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID ADMINISTRATION CLAIMING PROGRAM.

6 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 7 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 8 Fiscal Officer of the State, for reimbursement of school districts for
 9 administrative activities that support the Arkansas Medicaid Program of the
 10 Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education -
 11 Medicaid Administration Claiming Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 12 2025, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) AR MEDICAID ADMIN CLAIMS	<u><u>\$40,000,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM -

19 ADMINISTRATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 20 Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary
 21 Education Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 22 Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education -
 23 Arkansas Better Chance Program Administration for the fiscal year ending June
 24 30, 2025, the following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$452,755
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	171,628
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,245,291
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,917
33	(C) PROF. FEES	297,610
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,171,201</u></u>

SECTION 19. REGULAR SALARIES - PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD.
 There is hereby established for the Department of Education - Division of
 Elementary and Secondary Education - Professional Licensure Standards Board
 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular
 employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	G004C	MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
(2)	X012C	ADE PLSB CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(3)	X202C	ADE PLSB SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS08
(4)	X037C	EDUCATION INVESTIGATOR	3	GRADE GS08
(5)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
(6)	G179C	LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(7)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	11	

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and
 grants by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary
 Education - Professional Licensure Standards Board for the fiscal year ending
 June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$592,141
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	219,276
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	376,325
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	9,505

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(04) EDTPA PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,357,247</u></u>

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6 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - OPEN ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

7 CLOSURE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be

8 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by

9 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for outstanding obligations incurred

10 by closed charter schools of the Department of Education - Division of

11 Elementary and Secondary Education - Open Enrollment Public Charter School

12 Closure for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) CHARTER SCHOOL CLOSURE	<u><u>\$300,000</u></u>

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18 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - SAVE THE CHILDREN GRANT. There is hereby

19 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division

20 of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account, for a grant for statewide

21 in-school, summer, and after school literacy, nutrition, home visiting, and

22 early childhood programs to be administered by Save the Children for low

23 income, at-risk children by the Department of Education - Division of

24 Elementary and Secondary Education - Save the Children Grant for the fiscal

25 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
29	(01) SAVE THE CHILDREN GRANT	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

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31 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS. There is hereby

32 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division

33 of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account, for School Safety Grants

34 by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary

35 Education - School Safety Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,

36 the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS	<u>\$50,000,000</u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Arkansas Children’s Educational Freedom Account Fund, for Educational Freedom Accounts by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Educational Freedom Accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNTS	<u>\$97,487,318</u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAM GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for a grant program for after school and summer programs infrastructure, quality and accountability systems of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAM GRANT	<u>\$25,000,000</u>

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAM GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for a grant program for after school and summer programs infrastructure for Boys and Girls Clubs Statewide by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
3	(01) AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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5 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - ADULT HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS. There is hereby
6 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division
7 of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account, for grants to schools
8 offering traditional high school training to individuals exclusively over the
9 age of 18 by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and
10 Secondary Education - Adult High School Grants for the fiscal year ending
11 June 30, 2025, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
15	(01) ADULT HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

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17 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
19 CARRY FORWARD. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end
20 fund balances or any law to the contrary, any funds which remain in the
21 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account at the end of a
22 fiscal year shall remain in the Division of Elementary and Secondary
23 Education Fund Account and be made available to fund appropriation(s)
24 authorized by law and made payable from the Division of Elementary and
25 Secondary Education Fund Account for the following fiscal year.

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

28 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 the Agency shall by written statement
29 set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
30 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

31 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
32 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee all
33 amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or
34 Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the
35 Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding
36 carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that

1 appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

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

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

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
15 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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17 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. SCHOOL
19 SAFETY SET-ASIDE.

20 (a) (1) The Department of Education shall not begin the process of
21 promulgating rules for the distribution of funds in the School Safety Set-
22 Aside or Contingency Vote 3/5 Set-Aside until authorized by Legislative
23 Council.

24 (2) The department shall not disburse any funds in the School Safety
25 Set-Aside or Contingency Vote 3/5 Set-Aside until the rules have been
26 approved by Legislative Council.

27 (b) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the Chief Fiscal Officer of
28 the State may from time to time transfer on his or her books and those of the
29 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State funds from the Restricted Reserve
30 Fund School Safety Set-Aside or Contingency Vote 3/5 Set-Aside after
31 receiving prior approval of the greater of three-fifths (3/5) of the quorum
32 present or a majority of the membership of the Legislative Council or, if the
33 General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, for the
34 Department of Education to distribute funds for the School Safety Grant
35 program, as approved in this section as set out in subsection (a) herein, or
36 for the distribution of funds from this set-aside for unanticipated state

1 needs.

2 (c)(1) The General Assembly finds:

3 (A) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and funding for a
4 state agency or institution each fiscal year is the prerogative of the
5 General Assembly;

6 (B) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and funding for a
7 state agency or institution is usually accomplished by delineating the
8 maximum amounts in the appropriation acts for the state agency or institution
9 and in the general revenue allocations authorized for each relevant fund and
10 fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et
11 seq.; and

12 (C) The Restricted Reserve Fund has established procedures for the
13 transfer of funds to various funds and fund accounts for the efficient and
14 effective operation of state government.

15 (2)(A) It is necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
16 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or,
17 if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, as
18 provided in § 19-5-1263(c).

19 (B) The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or, if the
20 General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, is not a
21 severable part of § 19-5-1263.

22 (C) If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or, if
23 the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, is ruled
24 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, § 19-5-1263(c)-(e) are
25 void in their entirety.

26 (d) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
27 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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29 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

31 ESTABLISHMENT OF A "POSITION POOL". (a) To address needs emerging from
32 statewide education issues and the necessity of recruiting and retaining
33 qualified personnel, the Arkansas Department of Education or its successor
34 agency is authorized for the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year a pool of no
35 more than five (5) Information Technology positions at a salary not to exceed
36 the maximum salary for a grade IT12. These positions are to be used by the

1 Department of Education in the event that the personal services needs of the
2 Department during the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year require additional
3 positions, either by title or in number, that are not authorized by the
4 General Assembly in the Regular Salaries section of this Act. These positions
5 may also be used to properly classify positions when the Department does not
6 have a vacant position available with the appropriate title and salary level.

7 (b) To address needs emerging from statewide education issues and the
8 necessity of recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, the Arkansas
9 Department of Education or its successor agency is authorized for the ~~2023-~~
10 ~~2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year a pool of ten (10) General Salaries positions at
11 up to a grade GS15. These positions are to be used by the Department of
12 Education in the event that the personal services needs of the Department
13 during the ~~2023-2024~~ 2024-2025 fiscal year require additional positions,
14 either by classification or in number, that are not authorized by the General
15 Assembly in the Regular Salaries section of this Act. These positions may
16 also be used to properly classify positions when the Department does not have
17 a vacant position available with the appropriate title and grade level.

18 (c) Any salary determinations or adjustments administered under the
19 provisions of Subsections (a) and (b) of this Section shall be made by
20 comparing the qualifications and salary levels of similar employees in school
21 districts or in other state education agencies.

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

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

35 (f) Determining the number of personnel to be employed by a state agency
36 is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by

1 delineating the maximum number of personnel by identifying job titles and the
2 maximum grade or salary attached to those titles. The General Assembly has
3 determined that the Arkansas Department of Education could be operated more
4 efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency. That flexibility is
5 being accomplished by providing a position pool in Subsections (a) and (b) of
6 this Section and since the General Assembly has granted the agency broad
7 powers under the growth pool concept, it is both necessary and appropriate
8 that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the
9 position pool by requiring review of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
10 Committee in the utilization of the position pool. Therefore, the requirement
11 of review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
12 severable part of this section. If the requirement of review by the
13 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
14 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~
16 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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18 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

20 SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a
21 Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the
22 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal
23 services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account
24 Appropriation by the Department of Education.

25 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer
26 of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account
27 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
28 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

29 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in
30 subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within
31 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts
32 authorized for the department.

33 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the
34 date of passage through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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36 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 12-13-

1 120, concerning the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code, is amended to add an
2 additional subsection to read as follows:

3 (c) The Arkansas Fire Prevention Code shall not require an educational
4 facility, also known as a Group E occupancy, to have a storm shelter if the
5 educational facility, also known as a Group E occupancy:

6 (1) Is a former Business Group B occupancy; and

7 (2) Was utilized as an educational occupancy, including without
8 limitation an educational occupancy for higher education purposes.

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10 SECTION 33. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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20 SECTION 34. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
21 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
22 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
23 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
24 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
25 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
26 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
27 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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29 SECTION 35. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
30 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
31 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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5 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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