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HOUSE BILL 1152

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic
Facilities and Transportation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
(1)	N015N ADE DIR PUB SCHOOL FACIL & TRANS	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	N046N ADE ASST DIR ACADEMIC FACILITIES	1	GRADE GS14



1	(3)	G051C ADE ACADEMIC FACIL SR PROJECT ADMIN	2	GRADE GS10
2	(4)	G075C ADE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS10
3	(5)	E016C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
4	(6)	G090C ADE AREA PROJECT MANAGER	12	GRADE GS09
5	(7)	G039C SENIOR TRANSPORTATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
6	(8)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
7	(9)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
8	(10)	S028C SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINER	3	GRADE GS05
9	(11)	X116C SCHOOL BUS TRANS INSPECTOR	6	GRADE GS05
10	(12)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
11	(13)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
12		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	32	

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14 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 15 the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities
 16 and Transportation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum
 17 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 18 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary
 19 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 20 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 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 24 to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Public
 25 School Academic Facilities and Transportation Fund Account, for personal
 26 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of
 27 Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation - Operations for the
 28 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,824,466
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,500
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	684,412
35	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	319,311

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	24,650
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) SAFETY TRAINING	<u>207,500</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,062,839</u></u>

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8 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - PROGRAMS OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL

9 ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the

10 Department of Education, to be payable from the Educational Facilities

11 Partnership Fund Account, for grants and aid and special programs providing

12 academic school facility and transportation assistance to the public school

13 districts of the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic

14 Facilities and Transportation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

15 following:

17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	NO. _____	2025-2026
19	(01) ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP	\$211,828,951
20	(02) ACADEMIC EQUIPMENT	0
21	(03) ACADEMIC FACILITIES CATASTROPHIC	3,511,538
22	(04) ACADEMIC FACILITIES EXTRAORDINARY	
23	CIRCUMSTANCES PROGRAM	0
24	(05) ACADEMIC FACILITIES HIGH GROWTH	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$215,340,489</u></u>

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27 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE

28 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER

29 AUTHORITY - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM.

30 The Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities

31 and Transportation is authorized to transfer any funds that are made

32 available for the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan

33 Program, including funds from the Development and Enhancement Fund or its

34 successor fund or fund accounts, to the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School

35 Facilities Loan Fund.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024

1 2025 through June 30 ~~2025~~ 2026.

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3 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE
4 ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
5 TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Director of the Department of Education – Division of
6 Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, with the approval of
7 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after approval by the Arkansas
8 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, is hereby authorized to
9 request necessary appropriation transfers and any other budget related
10 adjustments necessary only for the appropriations authorized in this Act.
11 Furthermore, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of
12 Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation
13 be able to make use of additional contractual services as necessary and that
14 transfers between line items and among appropriations are anticipated to
15 accomplish those purposes. Provided, however, that the Department of
16 Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation
17 shall be limited to submitting no more than two transfer requests during any
18 fiscal year.

19 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
20 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
21 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
22 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
23 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
24 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
25 has determined that the Department of Education – Division of Public School
26 Academic Facilities and Transportation may operate more efficiently if some
27 flexibility is provided to the Director of the Department of Education –
28 Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation authorizing
29 broad powers under the Transfer Authority provision herein. Therefore, it is
30 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight
31 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
32 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the
33 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this
34 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
35 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
36 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
2 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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4 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
5 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
6 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
7 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
8 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
9 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
10 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
11 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
12 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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14 SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
15 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
16 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
17 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
18 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
19 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
20 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
21 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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23 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
24 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
25 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
26 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
28 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
29 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
30 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
31 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
32 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
33 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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35 APPROVED: 4/10/25
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