

**DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION (ADCE)
AND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND (0590)
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The mission of the Arkansas Department of Career Education (ADCE) is to provide leadership and contribute resources to serve the diverse and changing workforce training needs of the youth and adults of Arkansas. The Department is responsible for administering public secondary and postsecondary vocational, technical and adult education programs, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, the Arkansas State Approving Agency for Veterans Training, and the Federal Surplus Property Agency. The Department of Career Education is under the authority of the State Board of Career Education.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

DEPARTMENT:

The total appropriation is \$32,123,248 in FY2011, exclusive of the Department of Workforce Education Public School Fund Account Appropriations, with a total general revenue allocation of \$3,529,527.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND:

The total appropriation for the Arkansas Department of Career Education payable from the Public School Fund is \$49,669,672 for FY2011, with a total general revenue allocation of \$37,355,053.

FUNDING SOURCES

Department:

The operations and programs of the Department are financed by a variety of sources including General Revenue (10%), Special Revenue (2%), Educational Excellence Trust Funds (10%), Federal Funds (68%), fund balances (9%), and Loan Repayments and Transfers from other Agencies (1%).

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND:

The ADWE - Public School Fund is funded by general revenue allocations through the Revenue Stabilization Law (75%), the Educational Excellence Trust Fund (23%), and Fund Balances (2%).

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OVER FY2010

DEPARTMENT:

None.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND:

None.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

DEPARTMENT:

Total Authorized for FY2011: 94

Total Authorized for FY2010: 94

Increase / (Decrease): 0

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND:

Total Authorized for FY2011: 1

Total Authorized for FY2010: 1

Increase / (Decrease): 0

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

FEDERAL MATCHING: Authorizes the Public School Fund appropriated funds for Adult Basic & General Education, Coordinated Career Education Services, Vocational Center Aid and Vocational Start-Up Grants and Aid to be used to match any available federal funds in order to provide the maximum amount of money possible for the programs.

VOCATIONAL START-UP: Requires the funds and appropriation provided for the Vocational Start-Up appropriation to be allocated in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Career Education undergoing a prior review by the Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING/RETRAINING: Requires \$300,000 of the funds and appropriation authorized for Adult Basic and General Education, be made available to eligible entities approved by the State Board of Career Education to expand the education, training and re-training opportunities which are needed due to changing technology. In the event the official revenue forecast or the available carryover balance does not provide for full funding of the Adult Basic/General Adult Education appropriation, the language authorizes a proportional reduction to the \$300,000 requirement.

ADULT EDUCATION DISTRIBUTION: Establishes a fund transfer priority for those Adult Education administrative units that are determined to be operating efficient and effective adult education programs under criteria established by the Board of Career Education. These criteria shall be established in rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Career Education, and shall include relative administrative efficiency in the counties served, achievement of federal performance indicators, and literacy rates. Establishes that "literacy rate" shall be determined by the number of adults completing less than the 12th grade as reported by the most recent decennial federal census. Requires unallocated funds to be redistributed based upon needs as determined by the State Board of Career Education.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: Requires the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to establish a special line item to be used in the acquisition of promotional items upon request by the ADCE. It further requires ADCE to obtain State Board of Career Education approval and Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee prior approval when they want to transfer monies from their operating expense appropriation to their Promotional Items line item. Classifies the legislative prior review and approval language as non-severable language, and if the prior review and approval is ruled unconstitutional then the entire section is void.

FUNDING ALLOCATION PROVISION - ADULT EDUCATION: Provides that any general revenue funding allocated from Revenue Stabilization Law allocations above \$32,443,233 shall be distributed equally among all Arkansas adult education programs.

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