

**DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION (ADCE)
AND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND (0590)
FISCAL YEAR 2013**

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, and the Arkansas State Approving Agency for Veterans Training. The Department of Career Education is under the authority of the State Board of Career Education.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

DEPARTMENT:

The total appropriation for FY2013 is \$36,557,929 exclusive of the Department of Career Education Public School Fund Account Appropriations.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND:

The total appropriation for the Arkansas Department of Career Education payable from the Public School Fund is \$44,259,617 for FY2013.

FUNDING SOURCES

Department:

The appropriations for the Department of Career Education are funded by a variety of sources including general revenue, special revenue, Educational Excellence Trust Fund, federal funds, fund balances, and loan repayments and transfers from other agencies.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND:

The appropriations for the Department of Career Education - Public School Fund Account are funded by general revenue allocations through the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Educational Excellence Trust Fund and Fund Balances.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

DEPARTMENT:

VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION - OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 640)

This appropriation provides the majority of the general revenue support for the operations of the Department, and is funded by general revenue and the Educational Excellence Trust Fund. Provides a total appropriation of \$6,591,125 for FY2013 which includes the following change:

Operating Expenses - Provides an appropriation **decrease** of \$45,000 in FY2013 due to a one year only appropriation authorized for FY2012 for moving costs.

FEDERAL VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION - OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 641)

This appropriation is the federal counterpart to the general revenue appropriation described above (App 640), and provides federally funded administrative support to the Department. Provides a total appropriation of \$20,457,904 for FY2013 and includes the following change:

Operating Expenses - Provides an appropriation **decrease** of \$1,050,000 in FY2013 due to a one year only appropriation authorized for the Arkansas Works Program to allow the agency to complete the third year of a three-year Arkansas Works Initiative. The Arkansas Works Initiative seeks to coordinate education, training and economic development in Arkansas communities.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

DEPARTMENT:

Total Positions FY2012-13: 92
Total Positions FY2011-12: 92
Increase / (Decrease): 0

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND:

Total Positions FY2012-13: 1
Total Positions FY2011-12: 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 after 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 distribution 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 and achievement of federal performance indicators. Requires unallocated funds to be redistributed based upon needs as determined by the State Board of Career Education.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS-PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: 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.

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