DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION (0561) FISCAL YEAR 2014 and 2015 - Executive Recommendation

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES MISSION

The Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation is responsible for administering programs of state financial participation in support of local academic facilities, assisting all school districts with general academic facilities support, providing oversight of construction, repair and maintenance of both academic and non-academic facilities on public school campuses in Arkansas, and administering and conducting school bus safety inspections and driver training programs.

TOTAL BUDGET

The total budget is \$156,063,664 each year.

FUNDING SOURCES

The appropriations for the Division are funded by general revenue, fund balances in the Educational Facilities Partnership Fund, and savings from the Debt Service Funding, General Facilities Funding, and Supplemental Millage Incentive line item appropriations authorized for the ADE - Public School Fund Account.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES-OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 2WB)

This appropriation provides resources for the Division's operating costs. The total appropriation is \$2,552,126 each year which includes the following increase:

Regular Salaries and Matching - Provides an increase of \$58,444 each year to restore a C123 Public School Program Coordinator which was established in FY2012 through the Department of Education's pool position special language.

PROGRAMS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION

These appropriations provide resources for state financial assistance provided through the Academic Facilities Partnership, Academic Facilities High Growth, Academic Equipment, Academic Facilities Catastrophic, and Academic Facilities Extraordinary Circumstances Programs. The total appropriation is \$153,511,538 each year which is a continuation of the base level each year.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Positions FY2015: 32 Total Positions FY2014: 32 Total Budgeted Positions FY2013: 32

Increase / (Decrease): 0

There is not an increase over the FY2013 Budget, however, one of the 32 positions, a C123 Public School Program Coordinator, is a restored pool position that was authorized through the Department of Education's position pool special language.

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

TRANSFER AUTHORITY: Authorizes a maximum of two appropriation transfers and other related budget adjustments per fiscal year between appropriations authorized in the Division's appropriation act as necessary with Chief Fiscal Officer approval and prior Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee approval. Classifies the legislative approval language as non-severable and makes the entire section void if the legislative approval provision is found to be unconstitutional.

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