

DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION (ADCE)
AND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND (0590)
FISCAL YEAR 2018
AS ENACTED BY ACT 1091 OF 2017

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 serves as 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 exclusive of the Department of Career Education Public School Fund Account Appropriations is \$59,506,932 in FY2018.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND:

The total appropriation for the Arkansas Department of Career Education payable from the Public School Fund is \$46,201,757 in FY2018.

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, cash funds, fund balances, and loan repayments.

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) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

DEPARTMENT:

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

This appropriation is the federal counterpart to the general revenue appropriation described above (Appro. 640), and provides federally funded administrative support to the Department. Provides a total appropriation of \$15,883,168 and includes the following changes:

- **Regular Salaries** - Decrease of 113,627 to reflect the removal of three positions from the appropriation
- **Personal Services Matching** - Decrease of 39,818 for the elimination of three positions.
- **Grants and Aid** - Decrease of 500,000 to reflect the end of a federal grant program.

***TO BE DELETED* AR WORKS - SCHOOL DISTRICTS (APPROPRIATION F48)**

This appropriation is used to reimburse participating two-year colleges and

cooperative education centers for costs associated with travel, training, supplies and services. This appropriation is funded by districts who submit a portion of their funding to the Department for career coach positions in the Arkansas Works Initiative program that serve middle and high schools in 21 counties and the Little Rock school district. The appropriation is requested to end in FY2017 as local school districts now pay two-year colleges directly and funding no longer passes through the Department of Career Education.

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON WORKFORCE EDUCATION EXCELLENCE

This appropriation provides \$100,000 in FY2018 for task force expenses and reimbursements for non-legislative task force members as provided under § 25-16-902

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND:

GED TESTING (APPROPRIATION F86)

This appropriation is funded with Public School Funds and is used to defray the increased practice test and test costs for test takers. The appropriation is \$778,326 for each year and includes a change level decrease of \$1,081,674 in **GED Test Costs** for each year due to a decrease in test participation.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2017 Authorized Positions: 95)

DEPARTMENT:

Total Positions FY2018: 90

Total Base Level Positions: 93

Increase / (Decrease) over Base Level: (3)

Removed: 3 Positions from the Federal Vocational Technical and Adult Education Appropriation.

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 2 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 2)

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND:

Total Positions FY2018: 2

Total Base Level Positions: 2

Increase / (Decrease) over Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 0 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 0)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

DEPARTMENT:

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.

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.

***NEW LANGUAGE* FUNDING TRANSFER:** This new language mandates the Department of Career Education to transfer at the discretion of the Director, an amount not to exceed \$100,000 annually from the Skills Development fund to the Department of Career Education Fund Account to provide for the expenses and reimbursement costs for non-legislative task force members of the Legislative Task Force on Workforce Education Excellence as provided under § 25-16-902.

***NEW LANGUAGE* LANGUAGE AMENDMENT:** Amends Uncodified Section 2 of Act 636 of 2017 to add an additional subsection to provide that employees covered under Section 1 of Act 94 of 2017, Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute Appropriation Act, shall not under any circumstance receive a pay increase before January 1, 2018.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND:

***SPECIAL LANGUAGE DELETED* EDUCATIONAL TRAINING/RETRAINING:** This language mandates that \$300,000 of funding go to eligible entities for education, training and re-training opportunities needed due to changing technology. This language is superseded by the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act of 2014 and is no longer necessary.