9904 - ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - OPERATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2024 AS ENACTED BY ACT 871 OF 2023

The Department of Education administers the programs and financial assistance to the State's public elementary and secondary schools. The Arkansas Constitution requires the state to maintain a general, suitable and efficient system of free public schools and to adopt all suitable means to secure to the people the advantages and opportunities of education.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

	A	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
	Appropriation	Actual	Authorized	Legislative
2DD	Conference-Treasury	\$53,526	\$475,000	\$475,000
435	Federal Grants Administration	\$321,616	\$664,420	\$670,156
4HF	Medicaid Adm-Cash in Treasury	\$30,039,034	\$31,250,000	\$40,000,000
56P	Professional Licensure Standards Board	\$932,354	\$1,354,048	\$1,349,082
620	State Operations	\$17,756,171	\$21,299,380	\$21,959,198
630	Building Maintenance	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
631	Revolving Loan Certification	\$67,919	\$13,103,875	\$23,111,142
637	Child Nutrition	\$339,564,587	\$428,391,547	\$428,461,612
650	Fed Elem & Sec Education	\$671,439,315	\$1,282,329,928	\$1,282,379,783
85J	Open Enrollment Charter School Closure	\$1,025,965	\$300,000	\$300,000
885	Multiple Grant Award Program	\$2,177,203	\$1,578,500	\$2,478,500
893	Medicaid Reimbursement	\$9,717,056	\$13,669,517	\$13,669,517
899	Alternative Certification Program	\$668,757	\$1,349,212	\$1,349,212
AY6	School Safety Grants	\$0	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
E84	Save the Children	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
U58	Succeed Scholarship Program	\$3,300,000	\$3,300,000	0
XXX	Educational Freedom Accounts	0	0	\$52,100,000
Z17	Arkansas Better Chance Program	\$1,221,417	\$2,157,079	\$2,164,770
Z40	ADE Shared Svcs	\$5,498,448	\$6,784,413	\$8,254,808

Total	\$1,393,699,907	\$1,921,006,919	\$1,929,722,780
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FUNDING SOURCES

		2021-2022	
Funding Sources		Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$41,066,140	2.95
General Revenue	4000010	\$20,449,189	1.47
Federal Revenue	4000020	\$1,292,564,061	92.85
Cash Fund	4000045	\$36,514,168	2.62
Other funds			.11
Total Funds		\$1,392,122,105	100.00
Excess Appropriat	Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		
Grand Total			

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS Shared Services Paying Account (Appropriation Z40)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	20	23-2024
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$5,108,631	\$5,806,570	\$697,939
5010001	Extra Help	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$1,565,782	\$1,900,346	\$334,564
Total		\$6,674,413	\$7,786,916	\$1,112,503

- Change level provides for salary and matching increases for existing positions.
- Extra Help is increased for additional positions.

Federal Grants Administration (Appropriation 435)

	Commitment Herr		20	023-2024
Commitment Item		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$80,101	\$85,837	\$5,736
Total		\$80,101	\$85,837	\$5,736

• Change level provides for matching increases for existing positions.

Medicaid Administration - Cash in Treasury (Appropriation 4HF)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	20	23-2024
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	AR Medicaid Admin Claims	\$31,250,000	\$40,000,000	\$8,750,000
Total		\$31,250,000	\$40,000,000	\$8,750,000

• Change level increase is for the adjustment of timing of the payment of the claims to be captured within the same fiscal year.

	Commitment Item		20	23-2024
			Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$604,552	\$636,951	\$32,399
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$203,666	\$228,513	\$24,847
Total		\$808,218	\$865,464	\$57,246

Professional Licensure Standards Board (Appropriation 56P)

• Change level provides for salary and matching increases for existing positions.

State Operations (Appropriation 620)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	20	23-2024
	Commitment Item		Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$13,166,050	\$13,615,467	\$449,417
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$4,269,112	\$4,668,236	\$399,124
Total		\$17,435,162	\$18,283,703	\$848,541

• Change level provides for salary and matching increases for existing positions.

Revolving Loan Certification (Appropriation 631)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	20	023-2024
	Commitment Item	Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$1,127,305	\$1,157,077	\$29,772
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$383,142	\$423,435	\$40,293
Total		\$1,510,447	\$1,580,512	\$70,065

• Change level is due to adjustments in matching rates for employees.

Child Nutrition (Appropriation 637)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	20	23-2024
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$1,127,305	\$1,157,077	\$29,772
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$383,142	\$423,435	\$40,293
Total		\$1,510,447	\$1,580,512	\$70,065

• Change levels are due to adjustments in salaries and matching rates for employees.

Fed Elem & Sec Education (Appropriation 650)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	20	023-2024
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$934,202	\$984,057	\$49,855
Total		\$3,803,189	\$3,853,044	\$49,855

• Change levels are due to adjustments in salaries and matching rates for employees.

Multiple	Multiple Grant Award 110gram (Appropriation 665)					
Commitment Item		2022-2023	20	023-2024		
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level		
5100004	Grants and Aid	\$1,000,000	\$1,900,000	\$900,000		
Total		\$1,000,000	\$1,900,000	\$900,000		

Multiple Grant Award Program (Appropriation 885)

• Grants and Aid are increased to provide for increased grant funding.

Arkansas Better Chance Program (Appropriation Z17)

Commitment Item		2022-2023	2023-2024	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$157,906	\$165,597	\$7,691
Total		\$610,261	\$617,952	\$7,691

• Change levels are due to adjustments in matching rates for employees.

Governor's Letter #16 added several changes related to the implementation of the LEARNS Act 294 of 2023:

1. ADE - Shared Services

Two new positions are added to the ADE Shared Services Salary Section

-1 ADE Chief of Staff and 1 ADE Chief Legal Counsel

-\$357,892 in associated salaries and matching costs are added to the ADE Shared Services Appropriation for these two positions.

2. State Operations

-15 vacant positions are surrendered and 8 new positions are added included two new titles: ADE Associate Deputy (3), ADE Program Director (1), and 4 positions are added to the existing ADE Coordinator of Special Programs.

The Changes in positions result in a net decrease of overall \$291,284 annually in the State Operations appropriation.

3. Education Revolving Loan Certificates Program

\$10 Million appropriation is added for the creation and administration of the Open-Enrollment Public Charter Schools Revolving Loan program.

4. Professional Licensure Standards Board

1 Position is surrendered from the Regular Salary Section along with an associated reduction of \$62,212 in salaries and matching appropriation for the eliminated position.

5. Succeed Scholarship Program

\$3 Million Appropriation for the Succeed Scholarship Program is deleted.

6. Educational Freedom Accounts

NEW Appropriation is added for \$52.1 Million for Educational Freedom Accounts payable from the "Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Fund"

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2024: 399 Total Authorized Positions FY2023: 404 Increase / (Decrease): (5) Extra Help Positions FY2024:11

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS No Changes Requested