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## HB1068

STATE OF ARKANSAS  
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GOVERNOR

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Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2024-2025 Operations Appropriation bill for the Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood.

Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - OPERATIONS - FEDERAL as follows:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) <del>PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING &amp; GRANTS</del>	<del>\$65,008,558</del>
<u>EARLY CHILDHOOD FEDERAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$271,000,000</u>

Please delete in its entirety SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - GRANTS - FEDERAL and renumber accordingly.

These requests will consolidate Sections 4 and 6, the federal operations appropriation and the federal grants appropriation, and provide an increase of \$42,333,728. This will allow for more efficient accounting practices and will allow the agency to fully disburse various federal grants that support early childhood education.

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Immediately following SECTION 8, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - CHILDCARE FACILITY GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Child Care Fund, for providing grants to childcare facilities as provided by law of the Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood - Childcare Facility Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) <u>CHILDCARE FACILITY GRANTS</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

This request will provide the agency with appropriation to expense the childcare facility license fees and childcare facility fines and penalties special revenues as specified in Ark. Code Ann. § 19-6-301 (133) and (157) to support childcare facilities across the state, as required by the Childcare Facility Licensing Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 20-78-201 et seq.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders

# Hall of the House of Representatives

94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024

## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill No. 1068

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

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### Amendment No. \_\_\_ to House Bill No. 1068

Amend House Bill No. 1068 as originally introduced:

Page 4, line 10, delete "PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING & GRANTS" and substitute "EARLY CHILDHOOD FEDERAL EXPENSES"

AND

Page 4, line 10, delete "\$65,008,558" and substitute "\$271,000,000"

AND

Page 4, delete SECTION 6 in its entirety

AND

Page 5, immediately following SECTION 8, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - CHILDCARE FACILITY GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Child Care Fund, for providing grants to childcare facilities as provided by law of the Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood - Childcare Facility Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) CHILDCARE FACILITY GRANTS	<u>\$200,000"</u>

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTION numbers of the bill.

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The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chief Clerk