



**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

March 10, 2026

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 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(2)	PPB01C	AR PBS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC09
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	93 <u>92</u>	

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,083,287	\$4,029,233
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,477,948	<u>1,461,745</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$7,205,143</u>	<u>\$7,134,886</u>

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Please amend SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION – CASH OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,309,610
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	491,791
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,095,336</u>
		<u>\$11,025,076</u>

The above requests are necessary to eliminate one (1) vacant position and the associated Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriation to better align with the agency's organizational need.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 59

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION
DIVISION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 59

Amend Senate Bill 59 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 34 in its entirety and substitute the following:

" ~~(2) PPB01C AR PBS DEPUTY DIRECTOR~~ 1 ~~GRADE SPC09~~"

AND

Page 2, line 28, delete "93" and substitute "92"

AND

Page 3, line 17, delete "\$4,083,287" and substitute "\$4,029,233"

AND

Page 3, line 19, delete "1,477,948" and substitute "1,461,745"

AND

Page 3, line 26, delete "\$7,205,143" and substitute "\$7,134,886"

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AND

Page 4, line 16, delete "\$1,309,610" and substitute "\$1,255,554"

AND

Page 4, line 18, delete "491,791" and substitute "475,587"

AND

Page 4, line 28, delete "\$11,095,336" and substitute "\$11,025,076".

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

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Secretary

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

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SENATE BILL 59

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION FOR THE
12 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
18 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
20 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
26 Department of Education - Educational Television Division for the 2026-2027
27 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
33	(1)	EEX03A AR PBS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
34	(2)	PPB01C AR PBS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC09
35	(3)	FAC08C CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
36	(4)	EEO2C EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC07



1	(5)	FAC10C CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06
2	(6)	PPB02C AR PBS DIVISION DIRECTOR	8	GRADE SPC05
3	(7)	CMA02C MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC05
4	(8)	HDH06C HR MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC04
5	(9)	FAC03P ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
6	(10)	FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE SPC01
7	(11)	EEP06P EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPV/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS10
8	(12)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
9	(13)	CME01P BROADCAST EDITOR	2	GRADE SGS07
10	(14)	EEP03P EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
11	(15)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
12	(16)	CME03P GRAPHIC ARTIST	2	GRADE SGS07
13	(17)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
14	(18)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
15	(19)	CME06P PRODUCER	17	GRADE SGS07
16	(20)	EEP05P EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	6	GRADE SGS06
17	(21)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS05
18	(22)	CME04P MEDIA SPECIALIST	11	GRADE SGS05
19	(23)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS04
20	(24)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
21	(25)	CMA03P MARKETING SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS04
22	(26)	CME05P MEDIA TECHNICIAN	11	GRADE SGS04
23	(27)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE SGS03
24	(28)	IIA06C IT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
25	(29)	IAS08I WEBSITE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST05
26	(30)	IIS09P IT INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IST04
27	(31)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	<u>2</u>	GRADE IST04
28		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	93 92	

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA HELP – STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division – State Operations for the ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time

1 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 2 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the
 3 appropriate classification. Many of these positions are related to specific
 4 projects, and those positions so related are specifically exempt from
 5 limitations of hours, either by act or regulation.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025
 7 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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 9 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 10 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 11 Educational Television Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 12 expenses of the Department of Education - Educational Television Division -
 13 State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:
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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR	
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,083,287	4,029,233
18	(02) EXTRA HELP	11,959	
19	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,477,948	1,461,745
20	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,631,949	
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	
23	(C) PROF. FEES	0	
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	
25	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>	
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$7,205,143	7,134,886

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 28 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 30 EXTRA HELP - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 31 of Education - Educational Television Division - Cash Operations for the
 32 ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 33 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 34 appropriated herein for such purposes: forty-six (46) temporary or part-time
 35 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 36 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the

1 appropriate classification. Many of these positions are related to specific
 2 projects, and those positions so related are specifically exempt from
 3 limitations of hours, either by act or regulation.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
 5 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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 7 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 8 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash
 9 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 10 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 11 Department of Education - Educational Television Division - Cash Operations
 12 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

14 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR	
15 NO.	2026-2027	
16 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,309,610	1,255,554
17 (02) EXTRA HELP	366,930	
18 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	491,791	475,587
19 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,665,555	
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	56,450	
22 (C) PROF. FEES	600,000	
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,500,000	
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0	
25 (05) GRANTS AND AID	40,000	
26 (06) RESALE (COGS)	5,000	
27 (07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>	
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$11,025,336	11,025,076

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 30 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by