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**HB1005**  
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**HB1055**

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.

Please amend SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
<del>(13)</del>	PQA04P	QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR/EXP	2	GRADE SGS08
<del>(14)</del>	FGM03C	GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS07
(16)	EEP03P	EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	<del>27</del> <u>26</u>	GRADE SGS07
<del>(22)</del>	PQA01P	QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR	9	GRADE SGS07
<del>(25)</del>	EEP05P	EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS06
(26)	FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	<del>12</del> <u>9</u>	GRADE SGS06
(31)	PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<del>28</del> <u>23</u>	GRADE SGS04
(37)	PAS03P	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	<del>24</del> <u>22</u>	GRADE SGS02
<del>(46)</del>	EEP06P	EDUCATION PROGRAMS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	<del>3</del>	GRADE SGS10
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			<del>335</del> <u>308</u>	

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Please amend SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - State Operations for the 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: ~~eight (8)~~ seven (7) temporary of part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

Please amend SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$13,840,817	<u>\$13,520,917</u>
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,879,844	<u>4,756,796</u>
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,411,057	<u>3,399,057</u>
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	<del>60,000</del>	<u>56,500</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,476,718</u>	<u>\$22,018,270</u>

Please delete SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM in its entirety and renumber accordingly.

Please amend SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNTS as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNTS	<del>\$277,487,318</del>	<u>\$309,487,318</u>

The above request increases the appropriation for the Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account program to align with the recommended funding level to give Arkansas families the best possible school options for their children.

Immediately following SECTION 31, please insert the following new sections and renumber accordingly:

SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-18-722(a)-(c), concerning free and reduced-price meals, are amended to read as follows:

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(a) Federal funds appropriated to the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture for a child nutrition program shall be used to provide school breakfasts and lunches at no cost to each qualifying student.

(b)(1) A public school that serves a school breakfast or a school lunch as part of a child nutrition program shall not charge a qualifying student a reduced-price copayment for a school breakfast or a school lunch.

(2)(A) If necessary to comply with the requirements of this section, the department shall provide funds that have been disbursed to the department from the United States Government for purposes of funding child nutrition programs to each public school that serves a school breakfast or a school lunch as part of a child nutrition program to cover the cost of eliminating reduced-price copayments as required by subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(B) If federal funds appropriated to the department for a child nutrition program are insufficient to provide a school breakfast or a school lunch at no cost under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section, the department shall use funds as authorized by law to provide a school breakfast or a school lunch not initially covered by federal funds under subsection (a) of this section or other funds as authorized by law.

(c)(1) Annually by November 15, the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture shall report on and provide to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education an overview of each child nutrition program offered in public schools.

SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-27-341(c)-(f), concerning the Food Insecurity Fund, are amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) By July 31 each fiscal year:

(A) The Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture shall submit a certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of the amount expensed by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture the prior fiscal year to comply with § 6-18-722(b) to eliminate a charge to students for a reduced-price copayment for a school breakfast or a school lunch, which shall be reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; and

(B) The Department of Human Services shall submit a certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of the estimated amount required to fund the state matching funds requirement for the federal Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children, commonly known as "Summer EBT", for the current fiscal year, which shall be reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(2) After reviewing the certifications submitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may deny, modify, or approve the certifications based on the:

(A) Estimated amount of funding needed and available;

(B) Purpose; and

(C) Preferred spending priority.

(3) Based on the certifications from the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture and the Department of Human Services in subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the Chief

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Fiscal Officer of the State shall instruct the Treasurer of State to transfer those amounts on a pro rata basis to the fund or fund accounts designated by the Secretary of the Department of Education Agriculture and the Secretary of the Department of Human Services.

(d) Any unexpended balance of moneys in the fund accounts designated by the Department of Education Agriculture and the Department of Human Services to be allocated for the purposes under subsection (c) of this section that are remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be designated and retained for the purposes under subsection (c) of this section for the following fiscal year, and certifications required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be adjusted to reflect the remaining balances.

(e) After making the transfers under subdivision (c)(3) of this section, the Treasurer of State shall then transfer the remainder of the balance of the Food Insecurity Fund to the fund account designated by the Department of Education Agriculture to be used by the Department of Education Agriculture to comply with § 6-18-722(f).

(f) Any unexpended balance of moneys in the fund account designated by the Department of Education Agriculture allocated for the purposes under subsection (e) of this section that are remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be designated and retained for the purposes outlined under subsection (e) of this section for the following fiscal year.

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I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Appropriation Bill for the Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Public School Fund.

Please amend SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION – GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(05)	ASSESSMENT/END OF LEVEL TESTING	20,309,189	<u>21,309,189</u>
(14)	COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH	2,000,000	<u>4,200,000</u>
(20)	ECONOMIC EDUCATION	400,000	<u>600,000</u>
(25)	ESA MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM	5,636,400	<u>5,776,183</u>
<del>(26)</del>	<del>FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM</del>	14,700,000	
(39)	OE CHARTER FAC FUNDING AID PROGRAM	10,275,000	<u>10,775,000</u>
(41)	PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	142,000,000	<u>292,000,000</u>
<del>(45)</del>	<del>SCHOOL FOOD SERVICES</del>	7,650,000	
<del>(46)</del>	<del>SCHOOL FOOD LEGISLATIVE AUDIT</del>	75,000	
(52)	SPECIAL EDUCATION - HIGH COST OCCURRENCES	17,934,000	<u>18,378,763</u>
<del>(57)</del>	<del>SURPLUS COMMODITIES</del>	1,125,065	
<u>(XX)</u>	<u>HIGH IMPACT TUTORING</u>		<u>20,000,000</u>
<u>(XX)</u>	<u>IMAGINATION LIBRARY</u>		<u>1,500,000</u>
<u>(XX)</u>	<u>LIERACY COACHES</u>		<u>19,000,000</u>
<u>(XX)</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES</u>		<u>8,030,000</u>
<u>(XX)</u>	<u>TEACHER ACADEMY</u>		<u>2,089,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,480,713,330</u>	<u>\$3,662,266,811</u>

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPUTER NETWORK as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	29,245,839	<u>34,845,839</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$33,332,807</u>	<u>\$38,932,807</u>

Immediately following SECTION 25, please insert the following new sections and renumber accordingly:

SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1117(a), concerning public school employee health insurance, is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~(1) Beginning January 1, 2023, a school district shall pay each month for each eligible employee electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance program the health insurance contribution rate enacted by the General Assembly.~~

~~(2) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education through the biennial adequacy review process required by § 10-3-2102 shall provide a health contribution rate recommendation to the General Assembly.~~

SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2305(b)(6)(B)(iv), concerning teacher salary equalization funds, is repealed.

~~(iv) A school district shall continue to receive teacher salary equalization funds in the same amount as the preceding fiscal year in addition to the amount eligible for the current fiscal year.~~

The request increases the Assessment/End of Level Testing appropriation to provide for an expanded list of assessments available to students as authorized by Act 724 of 2025; increases the Coordinated School Health appropriation to complement and scale the efforts of public school districts counseling and clinical staff by connecting students and their families to a complete range of behavioral health social services; increases the Economic Education appropriation to provide additional standards-based resources and professional development to students and teachers; increases the Open-Enrollment Charter Facility Funding Aid Program appropriation to provide additional funding for the maintenance of charter school facilities; establishes appropriation to support the mission of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library by promoting a culture of reading and fostering a love of books among underserved children and their families; and increases Operating Expense appropriation for the Arkansas Public School Computer Network to allow an expansion of software for special education documentation.

The request also adopts the 2024 Educational Adequacy Recommendations by increasing the appropriation for the ESA Matching Grant Program, the Public School Employee Insurance, and the Special Education – High Cost Occurrences line items. To comply with Act 909 of 2025, portions of Arkansas law are amended to allow the Department to pay the full employer contribution to the Employee Benefits Division on behalf of public school districts and to allow Teacher Salary Equalization funds to be phased out.

The above requests continue programs created by the LEARNS Act by establishing appropriation for High Impact Tutoring, Literacy Coaches, Supplemental Education Services, and Teacher Academy.

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I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Education – Office of Early Childhood.

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
<del>(2)</del>	<del>EEP02C</del>	<del>EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR</del>	1	<del>GRADE SPC07</del>
<del>(4)</del>	<del>FAC01P</del>	<del>ACCOUNTANT I</del>	1	<del>GRADE SPC01</del>
<del>(7)</del>	<del>PQA02C</del>	<del>QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER</del>	3	<del>GRADE SGS09</del>
<del>(10)</del>	<del>PQA01P</del>	<del>QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR</del>	5	<del>GRADE SGS07</del>
<del>(11)</del>	<del>CTR02P</del>	<del>TRAINER</del>	1	<del>GRADE SGS07</del>
<del>(13)</del>	<del>HV04P</del>	<del>INVESTIGATOR III</del>	5	<del>GRADE SGS06</del>
<del>(14)</del>	<del>PAS01P</del>	<del>ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST</del>	7	<del>GRADE SGS05</del>
<del>(16)</del>	<del>HV03P</del>	<del>INVESTIGATOR II</del>	7	<del>GRADE SGS05</del>
<del>(18)</del>	<del>PPE02P</del>	<del>PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I</del>	2	<del>GRADE SGS05</del>
<del>(19)</del>	<del>PAS02P</del>	<del>ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR</del>	8	<del>GRADE SGS04</del>
<del>(20)</del>	<del>EEC04P</del>	<del>EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM SPECIALIST</del>	83	<del>GRADE SGS04</del>
<del>(22)</del>	<del>EGM01P</del>	<del>GRANTS ANALYST</del>	1	<del>GRADE SGS04</del>
<del>(23)</del>	<del>TIW01P</del>	<del>INVENTORY COORDINATOR</del>	1	<del>GRADE SGS04</del>
<del>(27)</del>	<del>IUS04P</del>	<del>USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST</del>	4	<del>GRADE IST02</del>
<del>(28)</del>	<del>FES02P</del>	<del>FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR</del>	1	<del>GRADE SGS06</del>
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	177	<u>138</u>

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD – OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	<u>\$1,482,755</u>	<u>\$969,539</u>
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	668,714	<u>460,424</u>
(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,585,752	<u>7,577,752</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,365,314</u>	<u>\$14,635,808</u>

Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD – OPEARTIONS – FEDERAL as follows:

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Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01)	EARLY CHILDHOOD FEDERAL EXPENSES	<u>\$268,667,976</u> <u>\$188,667,976</u>

Please delete SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION AND SALVAGE CONTAINER - CASH in its entirety and renumber accordingly.

The above requests transfer the Department of Education’s child nutrition programs to the Department of Agriculture to strengthen the connection between Arkansas agriculture and statewide nutrition programs and to allow for streamlined innovation and efficiency. This is accomplished through the transfer of twenty-seven (27) Regular Positions and one (1) Extra Help Position, the associated Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriation, and the Child Nutrition appropriation from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education; the transfer of Free Breakfast Program, School Food Services, School Food-Legislative Audit, and Surplus Commodities appropriations from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund; the transfer of thirty-nine (39) Regular Positions, the associated Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriation, Early Childhood Federal Expenses appropriation, and the Commodity Distribution and Salvage Container appropriation from the Office of Early Childhood; and technical amendments to Arkansas law to designate the Department of Agriculture as the administrative lead of the program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
Governor of Arkansas

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## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill 1005

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

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### Amendment No. \_\_\_ to House Bill 1005

Amend House Bill 1005 as originally introduced:

Page 4, delete lines 26 and 27 in their entirety and substitute:

" ~~(13) PQA04P QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR/EXP 2 GRADE SCS08~~  
~~(14) FGM03C GRANTS MANAGER 1 GRADE SCS07~~"

AND

Page 4, line 29, delete "27" and substitute "26"

AND

Page 4, delete line 35 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(22) PQA01P QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR 9 GRADE SCS07~~"

AND

Page 5, delete line 2 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(25) EEP05P EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST 1 GRADE SCS06~~"

AND

Page 5, line 3, delete "12" and substitute "9"

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Page 5, line 8, delete "28" and substitute "23"

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Page 5, line 14, delete "24" and substitute "22"

AND

Page 5, delete line 23 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(46) EEP06P EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT~~ ~~3~~ ~~GRADE SCS10~~"

AND

Page 5, line 27, delete "335" and substitute "308"

AND

Page 5, line 33, delete "eight (8)" and substitute "seven (7)"

AND

Page 6, line 11, delete "\$13,840,817" and substitute "\$13,520,917"

AND

Page 6, line 13, delete "4,879,844" and substitute "4,756,796"

AND

Page 6, line 15, delete "3,411,057" and substitute "3,399,057"

AND

Page 6, line 16, delete "60,000" and substitute "56,500"

AND

Page 6, line 20, delete "\$22,476,718" and substitute "\$22,018,270"

AND

Page 8, delete SECTION 10 in its entirety

AND

Page 14, line 30, delete "\$277,487,318" and substitute "\$309,487,318"

AND

Page 21, immediately following SECTION 31, insert the following:

" SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-18-722 is amended to read as follows:

6-18-722. Free and reduced-price meals – Definitions.

(a) Federal funds appropriated to the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture for a child nutrition program shall be used to provide school breakfasts and lunches at no cost to each qualifying student.

(b)(1) A public school that serves a school breakfast or a school lunch as part of a child nutrition program shall not charge a qualifying student a reduced-price copayment for a school breakfast or a school lunch.

(2)(A) If necessary to comply with the requirements of this section, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall provide funds that have been disbursed to the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture from the United States Government for purposes of funding child nutrition programs to each public school that serves a school breakfast or a school lunch as part of a child nutrition program to cover the cost of eliminating reduced-price copayments as required by subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(B) If federal funds appropriated to the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture for a child nutrition program are insufficient to provide a school breakfast or a school lunch at no cost under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall use funds as authorized by law to provide a school breakfast or a school lunch not initially covered by federal funds under subsection (a) of this section or other funds as authorized by law.

(c)(1) Annually by November 15, the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture shall report on and provide to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education an overview of each child nutrition program offered in public schools.

(2) The report required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall include without limitation:

(A) The procedure for applying for free or reduced-price meals in public schools; and

(B) The number of students who:

(i) Apply for free or reduced-price meals;

(ii) Are accepted to receive free or reduced-price meals;

(iii) Are denied from receiving free or reduced-

price meals; and

(iv) Automatically qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on federal eligibility requirements.

(d)(1) Arkansas Legislative Audit shall audit the Department of Education Child Nutrition Unit by December 15, 2023, and report the audit findings to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education.

(2) The audit required under subdivision (d)(1) of this section shall determine whether each public school's participation in a child nutrition program effectively:

(A) Serves the intent of the General Assembly to expand students' access to free meals in public schools; and

(B) Complies with federal and state law and rules.

(e) As used in this section:

(1) "Child nutrition program" includes the following as established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq., as it existed on January 1, 2023:

(A) The National School Lunch Program; or

(B) The School Breakfast Program; and

(2) "Qualifying student" means a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) student enrolled in a public school who is eligible for receipt of a reduced-price meal in a child nutrition program.

(f)(1) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each school year thereafter, a public school student who is not a qualifying student under this section and does not receive a free breakfast through any local, state, or federal program shall be provided one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day upon his or her request without consideration of his or her eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meal.

(2)(A) If necessary to comply with the requirements of subdivision (f)(1) of this section, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall provide funds that have been disbursed to the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture from the United States Government for purposes of funding child nutrition programs to each public school to cover the cost of providing one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day to each public school student who is not a qualifying student under this section.

(B) If federal funds appropriated to the ~~department~~

Department of Agriculture for a child nutrition program are insufficient to cover the cost of providing one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day to each public school student who is not a qualifying student, the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall use funds as authorized by law to cover the cost of providing one (1) breakfast at no cost during each school day to each public school student who is not a qualifying student.

(C) The cost of providing one (1) breakfast shall not exceed the rate of reimbursement to public schools established by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 et seq., and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. § 1771 et seq., for a free school breakfast.

(g) The ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture may promulgate rules to implement this section.

SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 19-27-341(c)-(f), concerning the Food Insecurity Fund, are amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) By July 31 each fiscal year:

(A) The Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture shall submit a certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of the amount expended by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture the prior fiscal year to comply with § 6-18-722(b) to eliminate a charge to students for a reduced-price copayment for a school breakfast or a school lunch, which shall be reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State; and

(B) The Department of Human Services shall submit a certification to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of the estimated amount required to fund the state matching funds requirement for the federal Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children, commonly known as "Summer EBT", for the current fiscal year, which shall be reviewed by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

(2) After reviewing the certifications submitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may deny, modify, or approve the certifications based on the:

- (A) Estimated amount of funding needed and available;
- (B) Purpose; and
- (C) Preferred spending priority.

(3) Based on the certifications from the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture

Agriculture and the Department of Human Services in subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall instruct the Treasurer of State to transfer those amounts on a pro rata basis to the fund or fund accounts designated by the Secretary of the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture and the Secretary of the Department of Human Services.

(d) Any unexpended balance of moneys in the fund accounts designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture and the Department of Human Services to be allocated for the purposes under subsection (c) of this section that are remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be designated and retained for the purposes under subsection (c) of this section for the following fiscal year, and certifications required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be adjusted to reflect the remaining balances.

(e) After making the transfers under subdivision (c)(3) of this section, the Treasurer of State shall then transfer the remainder of the balance of the Food Insecurity Fund to the fund account designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture to be used by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture to comply with § 6-18-722(f).

(f) Any unexpended balance of moneys in the fund account designated by the Department of ~~Education~~ Agriculture allocated for the purposes under subsection (e) of this section that are remaining at the end of each fiscal year shall be designated and retained for the purposes outlined under subsection (e) of this section for the following fiscal year."

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Subtitle of House Bill 1055**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. \_\_\_ to House Bill 1055**

Amend House Bill 1055 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 32 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(2) EEP02C EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR~~ \_\_\_\_\_ 1 ~~GRADE SPC07~~"

AND

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

" ~~(4) FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I~~ \_\_\_\_\_ 1 ~~GRADE SPC01~~"

AND

Page 2, delete line 1 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(7) PQA02C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER~~ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 ~~GRADE SGS09~~"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 4 and 5 in their entirety and substitute:

" ~~(10) PQA01P QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR~~ \_\_\_\_\_ 5 ~~GRADE SGS07~~

~~(11) CTR02P TRAINER~~ \_\_\_\_\_ 1 ~~GRADE SGS07~~"

AND

Page 2, delete line 7 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(13) IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III~~ \_\_\_\_\_ 5 ~~GRADE SCS06~~"

AND

Page 2, line 8, delete "7" and substitute "4"

AND

Page 2, delete line 10 in its entirety and substitute:

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" ~~(16)~~ IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II ~~7~~ GRADE SCS05"

AND

Page 2, delete line 12 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(18)~~ PPE02P PROGRAM ELICIBILITY SPECIALIST I ~~2~~ GRADE SCS05"

AND

Page 2, line 13, delete "8" and substitute "5"

AND

Page 2, line 14, delete "83" and substitute "79"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 16 and 17 in their entirety and substitute:

" ~~(22)~~ FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST ~~1~~ GRADE SCS04

~~(23)~~ TIW01P INVENTORY COORDINATOR ~~1~~ GRADE SCS04"

AND

Page 2, line 21, delete "4" and substitute "3"

AND

Page 2, delete line 22 in its entirety and substitute:

" ~~(28)~~ FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR ~~1~~ GRADE SCS06"

AND

Page 2, line 23, delete "177" and substitute "138"

AND

Page 3, line 7, delete "\$1,482,755" and substitute "\$969,539"

AND

Page 3, line 9, delete "668,714" and substitute "460,424"

AND

Page 3, line 12, delete "7,585,752" and substitute "7,577,752"

AND

Page 3, line 18, delete "\$15,365,314" and substitute "\$14,635,808"

AND

Page 3, line 29, delete "\$268,667,976" and substitute "\$188,667,976"

AND

Page 4, delete SECTION 7 in its entirety

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

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Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1005

4  
5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8  
9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
13

## Subtitle

14  
15  
16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby  
24 established for the Department of Education - Shared Services for the 2026-  
25 2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
31	(1) ESE05A	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION	1	GRADE EXE04
32	(2) EEX10A	CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
33	(3) FAC09C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER II	1	GRADE SPC10
34	(4) LAT08C	CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
35	(5) EEA03C	HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE SPC09
36	(6) EEA01C	EDUCATION DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC08



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1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(05) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>300,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$9,495,052</u>

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5 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 6 established for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and  
 7 Secondary Education - State Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the  
 8 following maximum number of regular employees.

10			Maximum Annual
11		Maximum	Salary Rate
12	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
13	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14	(1) EEX11A CHIEF PROGRAMS DIRECTOR	2	GRADE EXE03
15	(2) EEA02C EDUCATION DIVISION DIRECTOR	3	GRADE SPC09
16	(3) EEA01C EDUCATION DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	4	GRADE SPC08
17	(4) EEP02C EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC07
18	(5) FAC10C CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06
19	(6) EEP04C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC06
20	(7) EES03P EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL SUPV/EXP	7	GRADE SPC06
21	(8) FIN03P FINANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC06
22	(9) EES02P EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL II	17	GRADE SPC04
23	(10) FAC02P ACCOUNTANT II	4	GRADE SPC02
24	(11) EES01P EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL I	107	GRADE SPC02
25	(12) SIA23P PUBLIC SAFETY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
26	<del>(13) PQA04P QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR/EXP</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>GRADE SGS08</del>
27	<del>(14) FGM03C GRANTS MANAGER</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE SGS07</del>
28	(15) PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	3	GRADE SGS07
29	(16) EEP03P EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	<del>27</del> 26	GRADE SGS07
30	(17) FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	4	GRADE SGS07
31	(18) HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
32	(19) IIV05P INVESTIGATOR SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
33	(20) PPE04P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR/EXP	1	GRADE SGS07
34	(21) CPR05P PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
35	<del>(22) PQA01P QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR</del>	<del>9</del>	<del>GRADE SGS07</del>
36	(23) CTR02P TRAINER	1	GRADE SGS07

1	(24)	ILS03I LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS06
2	<del>(25)</del>	<del>EEP05P EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE SGS06</del>
3	(26)	FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	<del>12</del> 9	GRADE SGS06
4	(27)	IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III	1	GRADE SGS06
5	(28)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	16	GRADE SGS05
6	(29)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
7	(30)	PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
8	(31)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<del>28</del> 23	GRADE SGS04
9	(32)	EEC04P EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM SPECIALIST	5	GRADE SGS04
10	(33)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
11	(34)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	4	GRADE SGS04
12	(35)	PAS09P LICENSING COORDINATOR	6	GRADE SGS03
13	(36)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE SGS03
14	(37)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	<del>24</del> 22	GRADE SGS02
15	(38)	MNU06P REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MED05
16	(39)	IAS01P APPLICATIONS ANALYST I	8	GRADE IST07
17	(40)	IDN01P DATA ANALYST	3	GRADE IST07
18	(41)	IAS08I WEBSITE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST05
19	(42)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IST04
20	(43)	IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IST02
21	(44)	EEC01C EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SGS10
22	(45)	EEC02P EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS06
23	<del>(46)</del>	<del>EEP06P EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>GRADE SGS10</del>
24	(47)	FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE SPC01
25	(48)	IIS01P IT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST08
26	(49)	SPS08P SCHOOL SAFETY COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE LES07
27		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<del>335</del> 308	

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29 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,

30 for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary

31 Education - State Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following

32 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra

33 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: eight (8)

34 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed

35 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its

36 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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2 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 3 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division  
 4 of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account, for personal services and  
 5 operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary  
 6 and Secondary Education - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June  
 7 30, 2027, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
10 NO.	2026-2027
11 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	<del>\$13,840,817</del> 13,520,917
12 (02) EXTRA HELP	160,000
13 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<del>4,879,844</del> 4,756,790
14 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,411,057
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	60,000
17 (C) PROF. FEES	25,000
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
19 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,476,718</u>

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22 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL GRANTS ADMINISTRATION. There is  
 23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the  
 24 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for  
 25 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education -  
 26 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Federal Grants  
 27 Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 NO.	2026-2027
31 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$254,677
32 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	88,477
33 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	49,970
35 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,672
36 (C) PROF. FEES	260,000

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

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1055

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

8  
9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 EDUCATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD FOR THE FISCAL  
12 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
13

## Subtitle

14  
15  
16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
17 OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD APPROPRIATION  
18 FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.  
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20  
21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
22

23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
24 Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood for the 2026-2027 fiscal  
25 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
26

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
31	(1) EEA02C	EDUCATION DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC09
32	<del>(2) EEPO2C</del>	<del>EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE SPC07</del>
33	(3) EES01P	EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL I	1	GRADE SPC02
34	<del>(4) FAC01P</del>	<del>ACCOUNTANT I</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE SPC01</del>
35	(5) EEC01C	EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM ADMIN	3	GRADE SGS10
36	(6) FFS03C	FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09



1	<del>(7) PQA02C QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER</del>	<del>3</del>	<del>GRADE SGS09</del>
2	(8) EEC05P EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM SUPV/EXP	8	GRADE SGS08
3	(9) HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
4	<del>(10) PQA01P QUALITY ASSURANCE COORDINATOR</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>GRADE SGS07</del>
5	<del>(11) CTR02P TRAINER</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE SGS07</del>
6	(12) EEC02P EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM COORD	22	GRADE SGS06
7	<del>(13) IIV04P INVESTIGATOR III</del>	<del>5</del>	<del>GRADE SGS06</del>
8	(14) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<del>7</del> 4	GRADE SGS05
9	(15) FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
10	<del>(16) IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>GRADE SGS05</del>
11	(17) PPR04P PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
12	<del>(18) PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I</del>	<del>2</del>	<del>GRADE SGS05</del>
13	(19) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	<del>8</del> 5	GRADE SGS04
14	(20) EEC04P EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM SPECIALIST	<del>83</del> 79	GRADE SGS04
15	(21) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
16	<del>(22) FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE SGS04</del>
17	<del>(23) TIW01P INVENTORY COORDINATOR</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE SGS04</del>
18	(24) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS02
19	(25) IDM02P DATABASE ANALYST	1	GRADE IST07
20	(26) IUS02P USER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IST05
21	(27) IUS04P USER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	<del>4</del> 3	GRADE IST02
22	<del>(28) FFS02P FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE SGS06</del>
23	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<del>177</del> 138	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood for the 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: thirteen (13) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Child Care and Early Childhood Education Fund Account, for personal

1 services, operating expenses, and grants of the Department of Education -  
 2 Office of Early Childhood - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 3 2027, the following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR	
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	<del>\$1,482,755</del>	969,539
8 (02) EXTRA HELP	20,000	
9 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<del>668,714</del>	460,424
10 (04) OVERTIME	4,850	
11 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,585,752	
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	103,243	
14 (C) PROF. FEES	3,000,000	
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	
16 (E) DATA PROC.	0	
17 (06) GRANTS AND AID	<u>2,500,000</u>	
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,365,314</u>	

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 20 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - OPERATIONS -  
 21 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
 22 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 23 the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants of the  
 24 Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood - Operations - Federal  
 25 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29 (01) EARLY CHILDHOOD FEDERAL EXPENSES	<u>\$268,667,976</u>

30  
 31 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE  
 32 PROGRAM GRANTS AND EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department  
 33 of Education, to be payable from the Child Care Grant Fund Account, for  
 34 operating expenses and grants of the Department of Education - Office of  
 35 Early Childhood - Child Care Program Grants and Expenses for the fiscal year  
 36 ending June 30, 2027, the following: