Philanthropic Investment in Arkansas Kids Program Rules Markup Version

I. Definitions

As used in these Rules:

- A. "Act" means the Philanthropic Investment in Arkansas Kids Program Act codified at Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-2301 through -2308.
- B. "Actually received" means in possession of cash, check, or notified of the initiation of electronic fund transfer.
- C. "Application" or "tax credit application" means a request from an SGO to provide a Tax Credit under the Act to a Donor;
 - D. "Budget year" means fiscal year of the State of Arkansas;
- E. "Certificate" or "certificate of income tax credit" means the formal award of a Tax Credit under the Act by the Office;
- F. "Division" means the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education of the Department of Education;
- G. "Donor" or "Taxpayer" means an individual, corporation, partnership, subchapter S corporation, or similar pass-through entity, estate, or trust that is required to file a return under the Arkansas Income Tax Act of 1929, Ark. Code Ann. § 26-51-101 et seq.;
- H. "Eligible Contribution" means a monetary contribution from a Taxpayer to a scholarship-granting organization, or an amount prorated to be contributed to the scholarship-granting organization under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-2308;
- I. "Office" means the Office of Tax Credits and Special Refunds of the Department of Finance and Administration;
- J. "SGO" or "scholarship granting organization" means an entity that is approved by the Division for participation in the Act; and
- K. "Tax Credit" means a nonrefundable credit against the taxes levied by the Arkansas Income Tax Act of 1929, Ark. Code Ann. § 26-51-101 et seq.

II. Scholarship Granting Organization Registration

- A. Prior to accepting Donor funds under the Act, a Scholarship Granting Organization shall notify the Division of its intent to provide educational scholarships to qualified students attending private school.
 - B. The Notification in II.A shall include:

- 1. The Division's Application Form on the Division's website;
- 2. Proof of exemption from federal income tax under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as in effect on January 1, 2021; and
- 3. If the SGO expects to receive eligible contributions equal to or greater than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) during the academic school year, documentation demonstrating financial viability before the start of the academic school year including either:
- a. A surety bond payable to the State of Arkansas in an amount equal to the aggregate amount of eligible contributions the scholarship-granting organization expects to receive during the academic school year (minimum of \$50,000); or
- b. Financial information that demonstrates the financial viability of the scholarship-granting organization including a statement by a certified public accountant confirming that the SGO is insured and has sufficient capital or credit to operate in the upcoming school year.

III. Tax Credit Applications

- A. Applications shall be submitted by an SGO to the Office or its successor electronically.
- B. The Office shall publish the Application form to its website in substantially the same form as appended here.
- C. The SGO is responsible for completing the Application with the information provided by the Donor.

IV. Tax Credits

- A. 1. A Taxpayer may claim a Tax Credit for one hundred percent (100%) of Eligible Contributions actually received by the Scholarship-Granting Organization under the Act for which a Certificate is awarded by the Office.
- 2. An Eligible Contribution to an SGO in exchange for a Tax Credit under the Act shall not be claimed as a charitable deduction to income under Ark. Code Ann. § 26-51-419.
- 3. An Eligible Contribution to an SGO where no Tax Credit is awarded under the Act may be claimed as a charitable deduction to income under Ark. Code Ann. § 26-51-419.
- B. A Taxpayer may claim a Tax Credit up to the amount listed on the Certificate of Income Tax Credit against the Arkansas Income Tax due in the tax year that the Certificate is issued but not in excess of the Arkansas Income Tax liability of the Taxpayer.

- C. Any unused Tax Credit amount may be carried forward to the next-succeeding taxable year and annually thereafter for a total period of three (3) years.
- D. Amounts evidenced on an Application that exceed the annual cap on tax credits under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-2304(c) may be taken as a charitable contribution deduction under Ark. Code Ann. § 26-51-419 if the Donor does not rescind the contribution amount in excess of the credit.

V. Tax Credit Awards

- A. 1. Tax Credits are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date and time of receipt of the Application by the Office.
- 2. Applications received prior to January 1 of the year in which the donation to the SGO is made will not be considered for a Tax Credit.
- 3. Applications must be submitted electronically to the Office which shall determine the date and time of receipt of the Application.
- B. If an Application is for an amount that would exceed the amount of remaining tax credit available, the Office shall credit the Donor with the amount of tax credit remaining. Any amount more than the credit remaining may be taken by the donor as a charitable contribution deduction under Ark. Code Ann. § 26-51-419.
- C. 1. The Office shall notify a Donor of the approval of the Application by providing a Certificate of Income Tax Credit showing the amount of the Tax Credit awarded, and, if only partial credit was authorized, the amount that may be taken as a charitable contribution deduction.
- 2. Subject to approval by the Donor, the Office shall also notify the SGO of the Donor and amount of partial credit when partial credit was authorized.
- D. Upon meeting the annual cap of Tax Credits under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-2304(c)(1), the Office shall notify the Division and the SGOs that the Tax Credit maximum has been reached and no further Tax Credits will be awarded in that year.
- E. 1. Any Applications remaining to be processed after the annual cap has been met shall be notified in the same manner as V.C specifying that no Tax Credit was authorized.
- 2. Subject to approval by the Donor, the Office shall also notify the SGO of the Donors whose applications were not awarded Tax Credits under E.1.

VI. SGO Duties

An SGO shall:

- A. Retain records of all Donor contributions for the Program for six (6) years;
- B. Communicate to potential Donors when the annual cap has been met;
- C. Provide Donors a copy of the Application that is submitted to the Office;
- <u>D. Submit Applications to the Office only for Eligible Contributions that have been actually received;</u>
- E. Ensure that first-time recipients of educational scholarships are qualified students as defined in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-2302(3) and were not continuously enrolled in a private school within the state during the previous school year through the Division or from documentation from the public school provided by the eligible student's parent.
 - F. Ensure that participating private schools:
 - 1. Annually report student assessment scores and other academic progress of qualified students as defined in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-2302(3) to the independent research organization selected by the Division, including without limitation:
- a. The number of scholarship receiving students under the Act who were dismissed by a private school that is receiving funds through the Act;
- b. The number of scholarship receiving students under the Act who attended a private school with an educational scholarship through the Act and voluntarily returned to a traditional public school if known;
- c. The name and accreditation status of private schools that received funds through the Act;
- d. The number of students in the program who have taken a nationally recognized norm-referenced test, including an alternate assessment, and received the test results;
- e. The number of students in the program who have been exempted from standardized testing requirements under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-2306(9)(C)(ii) and had a portfolio developed;
- f. The number of students in the program in grades three through ten (3-10) who are not scoring at grade-level as indicated by grade-level equivalency, the percentage of students in the program scoring in each quartile, the lexile score of each student, or other equivalent data for the assessment administered as determined by the Division.
 - 2. Submit a report to the Division annually by June 1, containing the following information based on the previous academic school year:
 - a. The name and address of the scholarship-granting organization;

- b. The total number and total dollar amount of Eligible Contributions the scholarship-granting organization received during the previous calendar year as verified by a certified public accountant;
- c. The total number and total dollar amount of educational scholarships awarded to qualified students through the program during the previous calendar year as verified by a certified public accountant; and
- d. The total number of qualified students, according to the qualified students' respective resident public school districts, who received an educational scholarship from the scholarship-granting organization under this subchapter during the previous budget year as verified by a certified public accountant.
- G. 1. If the Division bars an SGO from qualifying as a recipient of Donor funds, the SGO shall notify the affected qualified students who have received educational scholarships under the Act and the affected qualified students' parents or guardians as soon as reasonably practicable upon notice of the disqualification.
- 2. The SGO shall provide proof of the notification in VI.G.1 to the Division at the same time that the VI.G.1 notification is provided.
- H. Provide the Division or the Department of Finance and Administration with all information or records requested as part of any audit or financial review being conducted to ensure compliance with the Act, these Rules, other Arkansas law, or upon a reasonable belief that an SGO has violated the requirements of the Act or these Rules.

VII. Donor Duties

A Donor shall maintain suitable records to substantiate the donation to the SGO in the event of an audit for six (6) years including but not limited to:

- A. A copy of the Application;
- B. A copy of the Certificate of Income Tax Credit; and
- C. Proof of payment to the SGO.

VIII. Pledged Withholding Amounts

If a Donor intends to contribute to an SGO by means of a payroll deduction being withheld from their wages by their employer under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-2308, the SGO may require additional records showing the Donor's:

- A. Employer;
- B. Work history; and

C. Any additional information necessary to establish a payroll deposit.

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1	(2) "Eligible contribution" means a monetary contribution from a
2	taxpayer to a scholarship-granting organization or an amount prorated to be
3	contributed to the scholarship-granting organization under § 6-18-2208;
4	(3) "Qualified student" means a student who:
5	(A) Is eligible to attend a public school in this state;
6	(B) Has an annual family income that is less than or equal
7	to two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty guidelines as determined
8	annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health
9	and Human Services under 42 U.S.C. § 9902(2); and
10	(C) Either:
11	(i) Was enrolled on a full-time basis in a public
12	school in this state in the previous school year;
13	(ii) Is enrolling in kindergarten through grade
14	twelve (K-12) in the state for the first time;
15	(iii) Was enrolled in a private school in the state
16	and received an educational scholarship from a scholarship-granting
17	organization under this subchapter in the previous school year; or
18	<u>(iv) Was:</u>
19	(a) Residing in another state during the
20	previous school year before enrollment in a private school in this state;
21	(b) Not the recipient of an educational
22	scholarship from a scholarship-granting organization under this subchapter;
23	<u>and</u>
24	(c) Not attending a private school in the
25	state for more than one-half (1/2) of the school year before the year in
26	which the qualified student is applying for an educational scholarship from a
27	scholarship-granting organization under this subchapter;
28	(4) "Scholarship-granting organization" means an organization
29	that:
30	(A) Complies with the requirements of this subchapter;
31	(B) Receives eligible contributions that qualify eligible
32	taxpayers for tax credits under this subchapter; and
33	(C) Provides educational scholarships under this
34	subchapter to qualified students attending private schools without limiting
35	the availability of educational scholarships to qualified students of only
36	one (1) school; and

1	(5) "Taxpayer" means a resident individual or business,
2	including without limitation:
3	(A) Two (2) taxpayers who are eligible to file a joint
4	federal income tax return;
5	(B) A domestic or foreign corporation;
6	(C) A partnership;
7	(D) A Subchapter S corporation;
8	(E) Another similar pass-through entity, estate, or trust;
9	<u>and</u>
10	(F) A partner, member, or Subchapter S corporation
11	shareholder of a pass-through entity, estate, or trust.
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13	6-18-2203. Creation.
14	There is created the Philanthropic Investment in Arkansas Kids Program.
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16	6-18-2204. Eligible taxpayer contributions.
17	(a)(1) For tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, a
18	taxpayer may claim a state income tax credit against the taxes imposed by the
19	Income Tax Act of 1929, § 26-51-101 et seq., for one hundred percent (100%)
20	of eligible contributions made to a scholarship-granting organization under
21	this subchapter.
22	(2) An eligible contribution to a scholarship-granting
23	organization in exchange for a tax credit under subdivision (a)(l) of this
24	section shall not be claimed as a charitable deduction to income under § 26-
25	<u>51-419.</u>
26	(3) An eligible contribution to a scholarship-granting
27	organization where no tax credit is awarded under subdivision (a)(1) of this
28	section may be claimed as a charitable deduction to income under § 26-51-419.
29	(b) A tax credit claimed under subsection (a) of this section:
30	(1) Shall be in an amount equal to the total eligible
31	contribution made by the eligible taxpayer to the scholarship-granting
32	organization during the calendar year in which the receipt under § 6-18-
33	2206(3) is issued, but not in excess of the Arkansas state income tax
34	liability of the taxpayer; and
35	(2) May be carried forward in any amount to the next-succeeding
36	taxable year and annually thereafter for a total period of three (3) years;

1	<u>and</u>
2	(c)(l) The total amount of state income tax credits awarded under this
3	section shall not exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per calendar year.
4	(2) The Tax Credits and Special Refunds Section of the
5	Department of Finance and Administration, or its successor, shall:
6	(A) Award the tax credits on a first-come, first-served
7	basis from the receipts provided to the section under § 6-18-2206(3); and
8	(B) Notify the Division of Elementary and Secondary
9	Education when the annual cap under subdivision (c)(1) of this section is
10	met.
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12	6-18-2205. Educational scholarships — Disbursement.
13	The average amount of all educational scholarships awarded by a
14	scholarship-granting organization to qualified students under this subchapter
15	shall not exceed:
16	(1) Eighty percent (80%) of the previous school year's
17	foundation funding amount under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) for qualified students who
18	are in kindergarten through grade eight (K-8); and
19	(2) Ninety percent (90%) of the previous school year's
20	foundation funding amount under § 6-20-2305(a)(2) for qualified students who
21	are in grades nine through twelve (9-12).
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23	6-18-2206. Scholarship-granting organizations — Duties.
24	Each scholarship-granting organization shall:
25	(1) Notify the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education of
26	its intent to provide educational scholarships to qualified students
27	attending private schools;
28	(2) Demonstrate proof of exemption from federal income tax under
29	26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as in effect on January
30	<u>1, 2021;</u>
31	(3)(A) Provide a receipt, approved by the division, to a
32	taxpayer for eligible contributions made to the scholarship-granting
33	organization.
34	(B) A scholarship-granting organization shall provide a
35	copy of a receipt issued under subdivision (3)(A) of this section to the Tax
36	Credits and Special Refunds Section of the Department of Finance and

1	Administration or its successor.
2	(C) A receipt issued by a scholarship-granting
3	organization under subdivision (3)(A) of this section shall be issued only
4	for the amount of eligible contributions actually received;
5	(4) Ensure that first-time recipients of educational
6	scholarships were not continuously enrolled in a private school within the
7	state during the previous school year;
8	(5) Establish a system for parents or guardians of qualified
9	students who receive educational scholarships under this subchapter to direct
10	educational scholarship funds to nonpublic schools by use of:
11	(A) Checks;
12	(B) Electronic funds transfer, including an automated
13	clearinghouse transfer; or
14	(C) Another system that the scholarship-granting
15	organization finds to be commercially viable, cost-effective, and accessible
16	to parents or guardians of qualified students;
17	(6)(A) Conduct and maintain for audit purposes a background
18	check of all employees of the scholarship-granting organization.
19	(B) A scholarship-granting organization shall exclude any
20	individual from employment who may reasonably pose a risk to the appropriate
21	use of eligible contributions under this subchapter;
22	(7) Distribute eligible contributions within three (3) tax years
23	of receipt by the scholarship-granting organization;
24	(8) Demonstrate financial viability if it expects to receive
25	eligible contributions equal to or greater than fifty thousand dollars
26	(\$50,000) during the academic school year by filing with the division before
27	the start of the academic school year either:
28	(A) A surety bond payable to the State of Arkansas in an
29	amount equal to the aggregate amount of eligible contributions the
30	scholarship-granting organization expects to receive during the academic
31	school year; or
32	(B) Financial information that demonstrates the financial
33	viability of the scholarship-granting organization;
34	(9) Ensure that participating private schools:
35	(A) Comply with all health and safety laws and rules;
36	(B) Hold valid occupancy of buildings as required by the

1	relevant municipality in which the private school is located;
2	(C)(i) Are held academically accountable by annually
3	administering or making provision for the administration of a nationally
4	recognized norm-referenced test to qualified students in grades three through
5	ten (3-10) who have received educational scholarships under this subchapter.
6	(ii) However, a qualified student in grades three
7	through ten (3-10) who has received an educational scholarship under this
8	subchapter, has an individualized service plan in accordance with the
9	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 31 1412(a)(10), as it
10	existed on January 1, 2021, and is determined by the private school to need
11	an exemption from standardized testing due to the existence of a significant
12	cognitive disability is not required to take the test required under
13	subdivision (9)(C)(i) of this section.
14	(iii) If a student is not required to take the test
15	required under subdivision (9)(C)(i) of this section, a participating private
16	school shall annually make provision for the student to take an alternate
17	assessment approved by the State Board of Education or prepare a portfolio
18	that provides information on a student's progress to the student's parent or
19	guardian; and
20	(D)(i) Annually report the scores and other academic
21	<pre>progress to:</pre>
22	(a) The parent or guardian of each qualified
23	student who has received an educational scholarship under this subchapter;
24	<u>and</u>
25	(b)(1) An independent research organization
26	selected by the division in accordance with § 6-18-2207(b)(1).
27	(2) Data reported to an independent
28	research organization shall be reported in a manner that ensures
29	disaggregation by grade level, gender, family income level, and race.
30	(ii) The annual report required under this
31	subdivision (9)(D) shall be published by the division on the division's
32	website each year;
33	(10)(A) Report to the division by June 1 of each year the
34	following information based on the previous academic school year:
35	(i) The name and address of the scholarship-granting
36	organization;

1	(ii) The total number and total dollar amount of
2	eligible contributions the scholarship-granting organization received during
3	the previous calendar year;
4	(iii) The total number and total dollar amount of
5	educational scholarships awarded to qualified students under this subchapter
6	during the previous calendar year; and
7	(iv) The total number of qualified students,
8	according to the qualified students' respective resident public school
9	districts, who received an educational scholarship from the scholarship-
10	granting organization under this subchapter during the previous budget year.
11	(B) The report required under subdivision (10)(A) of this
12	section shall be prepared by a certified public accountant; and
13	(11) Ensure that at least ninety percent (90%) of revenue from
14	eligible contributions and one hundred percent (100%) of revenue from
15	interest or investments is spent within three (3) years of receipt on:
16	(A) Educational scholarships; and
17	(B) Activities pertaining to the oversight of
18	participating private schools.
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20	6-18-2207. Department of Finance and Administration and Division of
21	Elementary and Secondary Education - Duties.
22	(a)(1) The Department of Finance and Administration, in consultation
23	with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall create and
24	provide a standardized form of receipt to be issued by a scholarship-granting
25	organization to a taxpayer who makes an eligible contribution to the
26	scholarship-granting organization that indicates the value of each eligible
27	contribution made by the eligible taxpayer.
28	(2) The receipt issued to a taxpayer under subdivision (a)(1) of
29	this section shall be filed with the taxpayer's tax return for any year in
30	which the taxpayer claims an eligible contribution under this subchapter.
31	(b)(1) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall select
32	an independent research organization, which may be a public or private entity
33	or institution of higher education, to which participating nonpublic schools
34	shall annually report information as required under § 6-18-2206(9)(D)(i)(b).
35	(2)(A) An independent research organization selected under
36	cubdivision (b)(l) of this section shall annually report to the Division of

1	Elementary and Secondary Education on a statewide basis year-to-year learning
2	gains of qualified students who have received an educational scholarship
3	under this subchapter and who have scores for a nationally recognized norm-
4	referenced test administered during the school year following the effective
5	date of this act for two (2) consecutive years at the same participating
6	private school.
7	(B) The information reported under subdivision (b)(2)(A)
8	of this section shall be:
9	(i) Disaggregated by the qualified students' grade
10	level, gender, family income level, and race;
11	(ii) In compliance with the requirements under the
12	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; and
13	(iii) Used only for the purpose of creating the
14	annual report as required under § 6-18-2206(9)(D)(i)(b).
15	(C) The independent research organization shall not
16	disaggregate data to a level that would identify:
17	(i) Individual participating private schools; or
18	(ii) The academic level of individual qualified
19	students.
20	(c) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may:
21	(1) Conduct an audit or other appropriate financial review of a
22	scholarship-granting organization annually to ensure compliance with the
23	requirements of this subchapter or upon reasonable belief that a scholarship-
24	granting organization has violated requirements under this subchapter;
25	(2)(A) Seek and accept gifts, grants, or donations from private
26	or public sources for purposes of selecting an independent research
27	organization under subsection (b) of this section.
28	(B)(i) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
29	shall transmit all gifts, grants, or donations received under subdivision
30	(c)(2)(A) of this section to the Treasurer of State, who shall credit the
31	received gifts, grants, or donations received by the Division of Elementary
32	and Secondary Education to the Philanthropic Investment in Arkansas Kids
33	Academic Accountability Fund under § 19-5-1271.
34	(ii) The funds in the Philanthropic Investment in
35	Arkansas Kids Academic Accountability Fund are subject to annual
36	appropriation by the General Assembly to the Division of Elementary and

1	Secondary Education for the direct and indirect costs associated with
2	selecting an independent research organization as required under subsection
3	(b) of this section and reporting information as required under § 6-18-
4	2206(9)(D)(i)(b).
5	(iii) If the gifts, grants, donations accepted under
6	this subdivision (c)(2) are not sufficient for the purposes of selecting an
7	independent research organization under subsection (b) of this section and
8	reporting information as required under § 6-18-2206(9)(D)(i)(b), the Division
9	of Elementary and Secondary Education shall notify the scholarship-granting
10	organizations, which shall provide the necessary direct and indirect costs
11	associated with selecting an independent research organization and reporting
12	required information; and
13	(3)(A) Prohibit a scholarship-granting organization from
14	qualifying as a recipient of eligible contributions under this subchapter if
15	the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education establishes that the
16	scholarship-granting organization has intentionally and substantially failed
17	to comply with the requirements under § 6-18-2206.
18	(B) If the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
19	bars a scholarship-granting organization from qualifying as a recipient of
20	eligible contributions under subdivision (c)(3)(A) of this section, the
21	scholarship-granting organization shall notify the affected qualified
22	students who have received educational scholarships and the qualified
23	students' parents or guardians as soon as reasonably practicable upon
24	notification by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education of
25	disqualification.
26	(d)(1) The Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and
27	Administration shall promulgate rules that are necessary to carry out the
28	purposes of this section.
29	(2) The Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and
30	Administration shall consult with the Division of Elementary and Secondary
31	Education during the promulgation of the rules under subdivision (d)(1) of
32	this section.
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34	6-18-2208. Prorated contribution amounts.
35	A taxpayer may instruct their employer to divert a prorated amount of
36	after-tax earnings to one (1) or more scholarship-granting organizations of

1	the taxpayer's choice.
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3	SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12, is
4	amended to add an additional section to read as follows:
5	19-5-1271. Philanthropic Investment in Arkansas Kids Academic
6	Accountability Fund.
7	(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
8	Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous
9	fund to be known as the "Philanthropic Investment in Arkansas Kids Academic
10	Accountability Fund".
11	(b) The fund shall consist of:
12	(1) Moneys obtained from private or public grants, gifts, or
13	donations that are designated to be credited to the fund; and
14	(2) Any other funds authorized or provided by law.
15	(c) The fund shall be used by the Division of Elementary and Secondary
16	Education to create and maintain the Philanthropic Investment in Arkansas
17	Kids Program under the Philanthropic Investment in Arkansas Kids Program Act,
18	§ 6-18-2201 et seq.
19	(d) Moneys remaining in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall
20	carry forward and be made available for the purposes stated in this section
21	in the next fiscal year.
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