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"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - SCHOOL
FOR THE BLIND FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1989;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Department of Education - School for the Blind for the 1987-89 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

Item	Class	No. of	Maximum Annual		
			Salary Rate		
No. ___ Code ___ Title _____		Employees	Fiscal Years		
			1987-88	1988-89	
(1)	9948 ED SUPT BLIND SCHOOL	1	\$40,722	\$40,722	
(2)	222Z ED ASST SUPT-SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND	1	GRADE 22		
	297Z GENERAL BUSINESS MANAGER	1			
(3)	R290 PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISOR	1	GRADE 21		
	257Z ED SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	3			
	265Z ED STUDENT LIFE SERVICES COORD	1			
(4)	L030 DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE 20		
	L122 PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER II	1			

(5)	M088 SOCIAL WORKER III/SOCIAL WORKER II	1	GRADE 19
(6)	L088 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST II	1	GRADE 18
(7)	A004 ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE 17
	E054 TEACHER FOR BLIND II	39	
	E082 VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR II	3	
	E098 REGIONAL SPEC FOR THE SENSORY IMP	7	
	G028 BUILDING PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV II	1	
	R254 LIBRARIAN II	1	
(8)	G161 GENERAL MAINTENANCE REPAIRMAN	1	GRADE 16
	L068 NURSE I	1	
	R010 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1	
	R440 BUSINESS CONTROLLER II	1	
	Y039 HEATING & A/C MECHANIC	1	
(9)	R190 PERSONNEL OFFICER II	1	GRADE 15
(10)	M048 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER II	1	GRADE 14
(11)	K041 EXECUTIVE SECY/ADMINISTRATIVE SECY	1	GRADE 13
	K061 LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASST III	2	
	L049 LPN II	3	
	L179 PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT	1	
	L183 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT	1	
(12)	H049 SUPERVISOR OF COOKING	1	GRADE 12
	M039 HOUSEPARENT SUPERVISOR	1	
(13)	A013 BOOKKEEPER II/ACCOUNTING ASST II	1	GRADE 11
	E027 INSTITUTIONAL TEACHER ASSISTANT	5	
	K153 SECRETARY II	2	
	M047 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	1	
(14)	H005 BAKER II	1	GRADE 10
	H027 COOK II	4	
	M037 HOUSEPARENT	22	
	Y001 APPRENTICE TRADESMAN	2	
(15)	K155 SECRETARY I	2	GRADE 09
(16)	H003 BAKER I	2	GRADE 08
	H025 COOK I	2	
	H053 FOOD SERVICE WORKER III	4	
(17)	K023 CLERK TYPIST II	2	GRADE 07
	M065 SOCIAL SERVICE AIDE II	1	

(18)	G091 LAUNDRY SUPERVISOR I	1	GRADE 06
	G177 MAINTENANCE WORKER SUPERVISOR	1	
(19)	G107 BLDG/EQUIP MAINT REPAIRMAN I	1	GRADE 05
	H043 FOOD SERVICE WORKER II	6	
	L051 MEDICAL ASSISTANT	1	
(20)	G075 HOUSEKEEPER	1	GRADE 03
	G175 MAINTENANCE WORKER II	1	
(21)	G173 MAINTENANCE WORKER I	<u>5</u>	GRADE 02
	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	149	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - School for the Blind for the 1987-89 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: twelve (12) 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, for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - School for the Blind, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - School for the Blind - State for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,987,794	\$ 1,987,794
(02) EXTRA HELP	5,312	5,312
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	479,365	479,365
(04) OVERTIME	4,773	4,773
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSES	\$ 392,656	\$ 387,656
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,515	3,515
(C) PROF. FEES	22,993	22,993
(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROCESSING	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.	419,164	414,164

(06)	STUDENT VOCATIONAL EDUC	2,627	2,627
(07)	DEFERRED MAINTENANCE	5,241	5,241
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 2,904,276	\$ 2,899,276

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - School for the Blind, to be payable from the School for the Blind Federal Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - School for the Blind - Federal for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM NO.		1987-88	1988-89
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 297,706	\$ 297,706
(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	82,940	82,940
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSES \$	68,500	\$ 68,500
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,882	15,882
	(C) PROF. FEES	632	632
	(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	37,000	37,000
	(E) DATA PROCESSING	0	0
	TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.	122,014	122,014
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 502,660	\$ 502,660

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - School for the Blind, to be payable from cash funds of the Department of Education - School for the Blind, for operating expenses of the Department of Education - School for the Blind - Cash for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM NO.		1987-88	1988-89
(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSES \$	150,008	\$ 150,008
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,800	6,800
	(C) PROF. FEES	3,259	3,259
	(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	40,000	70,000

(E) DATA PROCESSING	_____0_	_____0_
TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.	_____200,067	_____230,067
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 200,067	\$ 230,067

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - BRAILLE TEXTBOOKS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - School for the Blind, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for the purchase of Braille and Large Print Textbooks for visually impaired and blind students attending public schools in Arkansas by the Department of Education - School for the Blind for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) PURCHASE BRAILLE TEXTBOOK	\$ 26,223	\$ 26,223

SECTION 7. The State Board of Education shall make reasonable rules and regulations to implement the Braille and Large Print Textbooks appropriation and is hereby authorized to negotiate directly with publishers of Braille and Large Print Textbooks for the purchase of such textbooks.

SECTION 8. The Superintendents of the Arkansas Schools for the Deaf and Blind are hereby authorized to advance employees classified as Regional Specialists for the Sensory Impaired (Grade 17) to Education Field Services Specialist for the Sensory Impaired (Grade 19) and surrender the lower graded position for the higher graded position, after seeking the advice of the Arkansas Legislative Council, and upon certification to, and approval by, the Office of Personnel Management of the Department of Finance and Administration of employee's satisfaction of the following requirements: a Master's degree from a duly accredited institution of higher education in a teaching related area, certification by the Department of Education in the appropriate subject and grade level, and special certification in teaching the relevant handicap, plus a better-than-average performance evaluation score. At no time during the 1987-89 biennium shall the combined use of all titles referenced above exceed the grand total of the appropriation.

SECTION 9. The Superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind shall, on or before July 1, 1988, consolidate and combine food services, purchasing, and such business office functions of the two institutions as may be consolidated and combined without hampering the separate programatic needs of the two institutions.

SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 11. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 12. CONTRACT RESTRICTIONS. The agency, board, commission, department or institution to whom funds are appropriated by this Act shall not enter into any contract for any professional or consultant services which shall extend for more than twenty (20) actual working days or the total compensation exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000) during any one fiscal year without first seeking the advice of the Arkansas Legislative Council. Provided further, that all contracts for professional or consultant services shall be submitted monthly to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for reporting to the Legislative Council.

SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1987 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1987 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1987.

/s/ John E. Miller

