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By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE
BLIND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND APPROPRIATION
FOR THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR.

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 - Arkansas School for the Blind for the 2011-2012
fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

				Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate
				Fiscal Year
Item	Class		No. of	
No.	Code	Title	Employees	2011-2012
(1)	U030U	BLIND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	1	\$92,972
(2)	E004C	SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	2	GRADE C126
(3)	A050C	AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
(4)	L040C	DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C120
(5)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE C120
(6)	E024C	TEACHER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C120



1	(7)	E036C	CERTIFIED MASTERS DEGREE LIBRARIAN	1	GRADE C119
2	(8)	E035C	CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	36	GRADE C119
3	(9)	D061C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORD SPEC	1	GRADE C119
4	(10)	L042C	SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	1	GRADE C119
5	(11)	R024C	ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C118
6	(12)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
7	(13)	M024C	RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE C118
8	(14)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE C117
9	(15)	E044C	CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	3	GRADE C117
10	(16)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
11	(17)	S033C	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C115
12	(18)	M064C	RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C114
13	(19)	S047C	LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C113
14	(20)	L069C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	2	GRADE C113
15	(21)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE C112
16	(22)	C058C	EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL	4	GRADE C111
17	(23)	M074C	RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR	15	GRADE C111
18	(24)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE C109
19	(25)	E056C	TEACHER ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C109
20	(26)	C087C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE C106
21	(27)	S083C	BAKER	1	GRADE C104
22	(28)	S086C	COOK	2	GRADE C104
23	(29)	S087C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	4	GRADE C103
24	(30)	S089C	FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	<u>6</u>	GRADE C102
25			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	97	

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27 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 28 of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind for the 2011-2012 fiscal year,
 29 the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known
 30 as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:
 31 seventeen (17) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay
 32 not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation
 33 Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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35 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 36 appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas 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 - Arkansas School for the Blind - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,759,181
(02) EXTRA HELP	15,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,256,597
(04) OVERTIME	20,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	825,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,015
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	250,000
(07) VOCATIONAL WORK STUDY	10,000
(08) SUMMER PROJECTS	<u>90,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,367,793</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$52,701
(02) EXTRA HELP	15,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	21,960
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	241,050

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	61,382
2	(C) PROF. FEES	203,432
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	154,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$749,525</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind, for operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$186,508
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	13,000
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>125,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$424,508</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for purchasing, copying, and shipping Braille and large print textbooks for the blind and visually impaired students attending the public schools in Arkansas by the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Braille and Large Print Textbooks for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
(01) BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS	<u><u>\$148,024</u></u>

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2 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
4 PROVISION. Upon approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the
5 Arkansas School for the Blind shall transfer appropriation from Item No.(08)
6 Summer Projects, in Section 3 of this Act, to Item No. (01) through Item No.
7 (05) in Section 3 of this Act, to compensate staff who work during the summer
8 months on summer projects, and to cover other expenses of summer project
9 activities. The Summer Projects line item may also be used for the annual
10 cost related to the compensation of eligible staff for shift differential pay
11 as well as compensation of employees for performance of duties assigned as
12 referenced in Section 8 of this Act. Such additional compensation shall not
13 be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
15 ~~2010~~ 2011 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.
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17 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL
19 ALLOWANCE. The Arkansas Schools for the Deaf and Blind may make special
20 allowances available to any employee who performs one of the following duties
21 in addition to their normal duties:

- 22 1) Teaching adult education classes, parent training, student tutorial
23 services on weekends or evenings
- 24 2) Coaching one or more sports
- 25 3) Sponsoring a club or organization that involves additional hours
26 outside of the normal working day
- 27 4) Interpretive Services

28 Compensation for additional duties may not exceed \$3,500 per school
29 term for any one employee during each fiscal year. Such pay shall not be
30 construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said position.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
32 ~~2010~~ 2011 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.
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34 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
36 ADDITIONAL SALARY/COMPENSATION PROVISION. No employee drawing a salary or

1 other form of compensation from the Arkansas Schools for the Deaf or Blind
2 shall be paid an additional salary or receive additional compensation, other
3 than reimbursement for actual expenses, from that agency, nor from any other
4 agency or institution of higher education, except from the Superintendent's
5 written certification to and approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
6 State that the work performed by the employee for the other position does not
7 interfere with the proper and required performance of the employee's primary
8 duties, and that the combined salary payments from both positions will not
9 exceed the maximum annual salary for whichever of the two positions has the
10 higher authorized maximum annual salary.

11 Any employee knowingly violating the provisions of this section shall
12 be subject to immediate termination and shall be barred from employment by
13 any agency or institution of the State of Arkansas for a period of not less
14 than three (3) years or until such employee shall repay to the State of
15 Arkansas any sums received by such employee in violation of this section,
16 together with interest at a rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
18 ~~2010~~ 2011 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.

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20 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED
22 SERVICES. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the State Treasurer are
23 authorized to establish a joint paying account in the State Treasury, upon
24 direction of the Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Blind and
25 the Arkansas School for the Deaf. The Board may transfer positions, funds
26 and appropriations to the paying account from either school to serve both
27 schools in the areas of Accounting, Personnel, Inventory, Safety and Health
28 Services.

29 Funding and appropriations for this account will be from transfers from
30 the fund accounts and appropriations of each agency and shall be divided
31 proportionately from each agency based on student population. Said funds
32 shall be payable from the joint account as if the positions and other
33 budgetary line items of appropriation had originally been established in the
34 joint account. Supervision of this account and supervision of the positions
35 within may come from either school as determined by the Board of Trustees.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,

~~2010~~ 2011 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS. 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. The Arkansas School for the Blind (ASB) is authorized to use funds from this account for costs associated with providing Braille Textbooks and Large Print Textbooks to public schools.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2010~~ 2011 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.

SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. Employees who, in addition to working during the regular school term, also work during summer months shall be authorized as additional compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their annual salary for each month or part thereof worked. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees. Payment of additional compensation shall be limited to employees in the following classifications:

SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS	GRADE
Certified Bachelor's Teacher	C117
Certified Masters Teacher	C119
Teacher Supervisor	C120
Educational Specialist	C120
Assistant Principal	C123

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2010~~ 2011 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.

SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CERTIFIED MASTERS OR BACHELOR TEACHERS ENTERING STATE SERVICE. Upon the superintendent's certification to the State Personnel Administrator of prior

1 service at an educational institution, the salary of teachers entering state
 2 service as teachers for the sensory impaired may be adjusted to a rate of pay
 3 closest to but not less than the annual salary they would have received from
 4 their previous employer, effective upon employment at ASB.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 6 ~~2010-2011~~ through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.

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 8 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TEACHER
 10 SALARY INCREASE. In the event that an act is enacted in which the public
 11 schools receive funds from the General Assembly to raise the salaries of
 12 teachers employed in the public school districts, the Arkansas School for the
 13 Deaf and the Arkansas School for the Blind shall be included.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 15 ~~2010~~ 2011 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.

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 17 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL
 19 RATES OF PAY. Due to the need to meet the minimum compensation schedule as
 20 established by Act 74 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session of the 84th General
 21 Assembly, or its successor, for public school teachers, counselors, and
 22 librarians and other education professionals as listed in subsection (a)
 23 below, the Arkansas School for the Blind is authorized to adjust current or
 24 new employees to at least the minimum level of compensation for public school
 25 employees.

26 For current or new employees in the positions listed in subsection (a)
 27 below, the Arkansas School for the Blind may implement salary adjustments to
 28 maintain equity between their teacher salaries and those of Central Arkansas
 29 Public School Systems only after a plan for determining and implementing
 30 those adjustments has been reviewed by the Office of Personnel Management and
 31 by the Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council and approved
 32 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

33 For purposes of implementing the plan, the Arkansas School for the
 34 Blind is authorized special rates of pay up to the maximum of the assigned
 35 grade for classifications listed in subsection (a) below.

36 (a) TITLE

GRADE

1	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	C117
2	Certified Masters Teacher	C119
3	Certified Masters Degree Librarian	C119
4	Education Counselor	C119
5	School Speech Pathologist	C119
6	Teacher Supervisor	C120
7	Educational Specialist	C120
8	Assistant Principal	C123
9	School Principal	C126

10 Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that
 11 is supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required,
 12 be provided by a transfer from the Merit Adjustment Fund to the proper fund
 13 or fund account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 14 of the State. The Arkansas School for the Blind shall, in addition to the
 15 funds provided in this Act for Annual Career Service Recognition Payments
 16 from the Merit Adjustment Fund, make available any funding generated from
 17 agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as
 18 provided by law.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 20 ~~2010~~ 2011 through June 30, ~~2011~~ 2012.

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 22 SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 23 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 24 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 25 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 26 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 27 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 28 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 29 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 30 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 32 SECTION 17. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 33 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 34 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 35 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 36 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

1 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
2 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
3 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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5 SECTION 18. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
6 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
7 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
10 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
11 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm
12 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
13 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
14 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
15 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.
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