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SENATE BILL 35

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION - DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
11 FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
16 DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
17 FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL
19 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATION. There is hereby established
26 for the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic
27 Facilities and Transportation for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following
28 maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2015-2016
34	(1) N015N	ADE DIR PUBLIC SCHOOL FAC & TRANS	1	GRADE N911
35	(2) N046N	ADE ASST DIR ACADEMIC FACILITIES	1	GRADE N908
36	(3) G051C	ADE ACADEMIC FAC SR PROJECT ADMIN	2	GRADE C126



1	(4)	G039C	SENIOR TRANSPORTATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C126
2	(5)	G090C	ADE AREA PROJECT MANAGER	12	GRADE C123
3	(6)	E016C	PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C123
4	(7)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C118
5	(8)	S028C	SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINER	4	GRADE C116
6	(9)	X116C	SCHOOL BUS TRANS INSPECTOR	5	GRADE C116
7	(10)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE C115
8	(11)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE C112
9	(12)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE C109
10			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	32	

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12 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 13 the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities
 14 and Transportation for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum
 15 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 16 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary
 17 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 18 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 19 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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21 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 22 to the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic
 23 Facilities and Transportation, to be payable from the Division of Public
 24 School Academic Facilities and Transportation Fund Account, for personal
 25 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of
 26 Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation - Operations for the
 27 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,500,694
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,500
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	487,423
34	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	323,321
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	13,650

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(05) SAFETY TRAINING	<u>207,500</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,535,088</u></u>

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7 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - PROGRAMS OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
 8 ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 9 Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and
 10 Transportation, to be payable from the Educational Facilities Partnership
 11 Fund Account, for grants and aid and special programs providing academic
 12 school facility and transportation assistance to the public school districts
 13 by the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic
 14 Facilities and Transportation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the
 15 following:

17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
19	(01) ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP	\$231,500,000
20	(02) ACADEMIC EQUIPMENT	0
21	(03) ACADEMIC FACILITIES CATASTROPHIC	3,511,538
22	(04) ACADEMIC FACILITIES EXTRAORDINARY	
23	CIRCUMSTANCES PROGRAM	0
24	(05) ACADEMIC FACILITIES HIGH GROWTH	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$235,011,538</u></u>

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27 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
 28 FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 29 Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation,
 30 to be payable from the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan
 31 Fund, for distributing loans to open-enrollment public charter schools for
 32 the purposes of the construction, lease or purchase of an academic facility,
 33 the repair, improvement, or addition to an academic facility, and enhancing
 34 credit for financing purposes by the Department of Education - Division of
 35 Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation - Open Enrollment Public
 36 Charter School Facilities Loan Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1 2016, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
5 (01) OPEN - ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER	
6 SCHOOL FACILITIES LOANS	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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8 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 10 AUTHORITY - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM.

11 The Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities
 12 and Transportation is authorized to transfer any funds that are made
 13 available for the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan
 14 Program, including funds from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
 15 fund or fund accounts, to the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School
 16 Facilities Loan Fund.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 18 ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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20 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
 22 AUTHORITY. The Director of the Department of Education – Division of Public
 23 School Academic Facilities and Transportation, with the approval of the Chief
 24 Fiscal Officer of the State and after approval by the Arkansas Legislative
 25 Council or Joint Budget Committee, is hereby authorized to request necessary
 26 appropriation transfers and any other budget related adjustments necessary
 27 only for the appropriations authorized in this Act. Furthermore, it is the
 28 intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Education - Division of
 29 Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation be able to make use of
 30 additional contractual services as necessary and that transfers between line
 31 items and among appropriations are anticipated to accomplish those purposes.
 32 Provided, however, that the Department of Education - Division of Public
 33 School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall be limited to submitting
 34 no more than two transfer requests during any fiscal year.

35 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
 36 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year

1 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
2 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
3 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
4 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
5 has determined that the Department of Education – Division of Public School
6 Academic Facilities and Transportation may operate more efficiently if some
7 flexibility is provided to the Director of the Department of Education –
8 Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation authorizing
9 broad powers under the Transfer Authority provision herein. Therefore, it is
10 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight
11 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
12 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the
13 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this
14 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
15 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
16 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
18 ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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20 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
21 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
22 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
23 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
24 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
25 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
26 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
27 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
28 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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30 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 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 legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 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, 2015.