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A Bill

SENATE BILL 61

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 AND FOR GRANTS AND AID TO
10 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF CAREER AND
12 TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
13 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
17 DIVISION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL
18 EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024
19 FISCAL 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. There is hereby established for the
26 Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education for the
27 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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| Item | Class | | Maximum | Maximum Annual |
|------|-------|---|-----------|----------------|
| No. | Code | Title | No. of | Salary Rate |
| | | | Employees | Fiscal Year |
| | | | | 2023-2024 |
| 33 | (1) | U077U ACE DIRECTOR CAREER & TECHNICAL ED | 1 | GRADE SE01 |
| 34 | (2) | N069N ADE SPECIAL ADVISOR | 1 | GRADE GS14 |
| 35 | (3) | E076C ADE CAREER EDUCATION DIVISION MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS12 |
| 36 | (4) | E061C ACE PROGRAM COORDINATOR | 9 | GRADE GS10 |



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| 1 | (5) A044C AUDIT COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE GS10 |
| 2 | (6) E062C ACE PROGRAM ADVISOR | 18 | GRADE GS09 |
| 3 | (7) A060C SENIOR AUDITOR | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| 4 | (8) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST | 1 | GRADE GS06 |
| 5 | (9) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III | 3 | GRADE GS04 |
| 6 | (10) A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE GS04 |
| 7 | (11) R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE GS04 |
| 8 | (12) V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS04 |
| 9 | (13) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II | <u>5</u> | GRADE GS03 |
| 10 | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 44 | |

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12 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDUCATION. There is
 13 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 14 Division of Career and Technical Education Fund Account, for personal
 15 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of
 16 Career and Technical Education - Vocational & Technical Education for the
 17 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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| 19 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 20 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2023-2024</u> |
| 21 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$1,980,918 |
| 22 | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 705,112 |
| 23 | (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 24 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 617,825 |
| 25 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 15,446 |
| 26 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| 27 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 28 | (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| 29 | (04) MOTOR VEHICLE EDUCATION PROGRAM | <u>2,500</u> |
| 30 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$3,321,801</u></u> |

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32 SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - FEDERAL VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDUCATION.
 33 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of
 34 Career and Technical Education - Federal Vocational & Technical Education for
 35 the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 36 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds

1 appropriated herein for such purposes: four (4) temporary or part-time
 2 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 3 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 4 for the appropriate classification.

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 6 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

7 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 8 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 9 State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants by the
 10 Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education -
 11 Federal Vocational & Technical Education for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 12 2024, the following:

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| 14 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 15 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2023-2024</u> |
| 16 (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$662,907 |
| 17 (02) EXTRA HELP | 13,923 |
| 18 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 242,529 |
| 19 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 1,066,755 |
| 21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 55,000 |
| 22 (C) PROF. FEES | 100,000 |
| 23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 24 (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| 25 (05) VOCATIONAL EDUCATION GRANTS | <u>16,740,680</u> |
| 26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$18,881,794</u> |

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 28 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COORDINATED CAREER EDUCATION SERVICES.

29 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 30 from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund
 31 Account, for operating expenses and Coordinated Career Education Services -
 32 Special Needs Students Program grants and aid by the Department of Education
 33 - Division of Career and Technical Education - Coordinated Career Education
 34 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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| 36 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 1 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2023-2024</u> |
| 2 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 3 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$0 |
| 4 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 56,000 |
| 5 | (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| 6 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 7 | (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| 8 | (02) COORDINATED CAREER EDUCATION | |
| 9 | SERVICES-SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS | |
| 10 | PROGRAM GRANTS & AID | <u>1,063,433</u> |
| 11 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$1,119,433</u> |

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13 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - VOCATIONAL CENTER AID. There is hereby
 14 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division
 15 of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for Vocational
 16 Center Grants and Aid by the Department of Education - Division of Career and
 17 Technical Education - Vocational Center Aid for the fiscal year ending June
 18 30, 2024, the following:

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| 20 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
| 21 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2023-2024</u> |
| 22 | (01) VOCATIONAL CENTER GRANTS AND AID | <u>\$21,816,789</u> |

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24 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VOCATIONAL START-UP GRANTS AND AID. There
 25 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from
 26 the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account,
 27 for Vocational Start-Up grants and aid by the Department of Education -
 28 Division of Career and Technical Education - Vocational Start-Up Grants and
 29 Aid for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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| 31 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
| 32 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2023-2024</u> |
| 33 | (01) VOCATIONAL START-UP GRANTS AND AID | <u>\$4,740,000</u> |

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35 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CAREER COACHES PROGRAM. There is hereby
 36 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division

1 of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for operating
 2 expenses, Career Coaches grants and aid, and expenses by the Department of
 3 Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Career Coaches
 4 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

| 6 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 7 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2023-2024</u> |
| 8 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| 9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$7,000 |
| 10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 8,000 |
| 11 (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| 12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| 13 (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| 14 (02) CAREER COACHES GRANTS AND AID | 2,263,997 |
| 15 (03) CAREER COACHES EXPENSES | <u>2,947,542</u> |
| 16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$5,226,539</u></u> |

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 18 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - ADVANCED CAREERS PROGRAM. There is hereby
 19 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash
 20 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 21 Officer of the State, for expenses of the Advanced Careers Program in
 22 collaboration with the Southern Regional Education Board of the Department of
 23 Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Advanced Careers
 24 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

| 26 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 27 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2023-2024</u> |
| 28 (01) ADVANCED CAREERS | <u><u>\$11,250</u></u> |

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 30 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 32 FEDERAL MATCHING. The funds appropriated in Sections for Coordinated Career
 33 Education Services, Vocational Center Aid and Vocational Start-up Grants and
 34 Aid of this Act may also be used to match any available federal funds from
 35 any agency in order to provide the maximum amount of money possible for the
 36 purposes enumerated in such Section.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022
2 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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4 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6,
5 Chapter 50, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section and to
6 codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

7 6-50-105. Vocational start-up funding.

8 Funds appropriated for vocational start-ups shall be allocated in
9 accordance with rules promulgated by the Career Education and Workforce
10 Development Board.

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12 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
13 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
14 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
15 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
16 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
17 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
18 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
19 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
20 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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22 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
23 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
24 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
25 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
26 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
27 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
28 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
29 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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31 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
32 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
33 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
36 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 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, 2023.

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