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SENATE BILL 75

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 HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
16 DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL
18 YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
25 established for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education
26 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular
27 employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2023-2024
33	(1)	U024U DHE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE05
34	(2)	D022N IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
35	(3)	D012C DATABASE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT08
36	(4)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08



1	(5)	D028C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07
2	(6)	D016C SENIOR TECHNOLOGY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
3	(7)	G281C ADE POLICY & SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
4	(8)	N002N DHE SENIOR ASSOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
5	(9)	N069N ADE SPECIAL ADVISOR	1	GRADE GS14
6	(10)	N055N DHE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
7	(11)	A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
8	(12)	N054N DHE CAREER PATHWAYS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
9	(13)	N167N DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
10	(14)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
11	(15)	G058C DHE FEDERAL PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS11
12	(16)	E061C ACE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
13	(17)	G071C DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	6	GRADE GS10
14	(18)	E062C ACE PROGRAM ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
15	(19)	G102C DHE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	17	GRADE GS09
16	(20)	G080C NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SVCS EXEC. DIR.	1	GRADE GS09
17	(21)	G295C OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MED PROG ADMIN	1	GRADE GS09
18	(22)	P005C DHE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
19	(23)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
20	(24)	G176C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
21	(25)	G214C GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
22	(26)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
23	(27)	G202C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
24	(28)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
25	(29)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
26		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	53	

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28 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 29 authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education
 30 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 31 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 32 appropriated herein for such purposes: fifteen (15) temporary or part-time
 33 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 34 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 35 for the appropriate classification.

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SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Higher Education Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - General Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,107,687
(02) EXTRA HELP	75,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	673,463
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	959,346
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	24,659
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT	
PROMOTION	<u>295,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,185,155</u></u>

SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - State Board of Private Career Education for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) 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, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Private Career Education Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - State Board of Private Career Education - Operations for the

1 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$161,777
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	20,000
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	51,726
8 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	63,000
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
11 (C) PROF. FEES	6,000
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
13 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
14 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$306,503</u></u>

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16 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND VARIOUS
 17 SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education,
 18 to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for providing
 19 student assistance grants and various scholarships as provided by law of the
 20 Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Student Assistance
 21 Grants and Various Scholarships for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
 22 following:

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24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
26 (01) ARKANSAS FUTURE GRANTS	\$5,000,000
27 (02) NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE	
28 PROGRAM	1,400,000
29 (03) SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	175,000
30 (04) STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM	2,000,000
31 (05) TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM	2,500,000
32 (06) AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS	
33 MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS	150,000
34 (07) DEPENDENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT	
35 OFFICERS, ETC SCHOLARSHIPS	400,000
36 (08) DEPENDENTS OF POWS, MIAS,	

1	KIAS-TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIPS	1,500,000
2	(09) GOVERNOR'S HIGHER EDUCATION	
3	TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	2,000,000
4	(10) SREB MINORITY DOCTORAL SCHOLARS	175,000
5	(11) WASHINGTON CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS	150,000
6	(12) TUITION ADJUSTMENT	350,000
7	(13) AR ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS	25,000,000
8	(14) AR GOVERNOR'S SCHOLAR	22,000,000
9	(15) STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH	
10	FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (SURF)	<u>150,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$62,950,000</u>

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13 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - TECHNICAL EDUCATION - FEDERAL PROGRAMS.

14 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 15 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 16 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 17 Education - Division of Higher Education - Technical Education - Federal
 18 Programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$152,979
23	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	49,014
24	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	108,271
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	80,000
27	(C) PROF. FEES	157,000
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$547,264</u>

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32 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. There is

33 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 34 Research Development Fund, for providing Arkansas Research Development
 35 Program Grants to Institutions of Higher Education by the Department of
 36 Education - Division of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1 2024, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
5 (01) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	
6 GRANTS	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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8 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. There is
 9 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 10 Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for payments of contracts and loans
 11 with participating out-of-state institutions of higher learning in the fields
 12 of dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine, chiropractic, and podiatry for
 13 the education of Arkansas citizens by the Department of Education - Division
 14 of Higher Education - Health Education Grants and Loans for the fiscal year
 15 ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
19 (01) CHIROPRACTIC AID	\$260,000
20 (02) DENTAL AID - GRANTS	2,950,000
21 (03) OPTOMETRY AID - GRANTS	650,000
22 (04) PODIATRY AID	130,400
23 (05) VETERINARY AID FORGIVENESS PROGRAM	1,750,000
24 (06) DENTAL AID - LOANS	987,370
25 (07) OPTOMETRY AID - LOANS	140,000
26 (08) VETERINARY MED. LOAN FORGIVENESS	
27 PROGRAM	<u>250,000</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$7,117,770</u>

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30 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 31 Department of Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the
 32 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 33 operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher
 34 Education - Cash 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	\$269,233
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	32,865
5	(C) PROF. FEES	63,932
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(02) SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>50,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$416,030</u></u>

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11 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION BOARD - CASH.

12 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 13 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 14 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of
 15 Education - Division of Higher Education - Private Career Education Board -
 16 Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
20	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$9,500
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
23	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$20,500</u></u>

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28 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT PROTECTION TRUST. There is hereby
 29 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Private
 30 Career School Student Protection Trust Fund, for expenses, claims and fees of
 31 the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - State Board of
 32 Private Career Education - Student Protection Trust for the fiscal year
 33 ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>

1 (01) EXPENSES/CLAIMS/FEES \$300,000

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3 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - TANF PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby
 4 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal
 5 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal
 6 services, operating expenses, grants and aid by the Department of Education -
 7 Division of Higher Education - TANF Program - Federal for the fiscal year
 8 ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$280,701
13 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	87,816
14 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	80,000
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	60,000
17 (C) PROF. FEES	70,000
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19 (E) DATA PROC.	0
20 (04) SELF SUFFICIENCY/JOB TRAINING GRANTS	6,821,431
21 (05) ENROLLMENT AND EDUCATION	<u>3,000,000</u>
22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,399,948</u>

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24 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - WEB BASED APPLICATIONS. There is hereby
 25 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Higher
 26 Education Grants Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses
 27 associated with web based applications of the Department of Education -
 28 Division of Higher Education - Web Based Applications for the fiscal year
 29 ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
33 (01) WEB BASED APPLICATIONS PERSONAL	
34 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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36 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 2 Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 3 expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education -
 4 Scholarship Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
 5 following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$467,936
10 (02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	163,738
12 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	500,000
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
15 (C) PROF. FEES	30,000
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,171,674</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015. There is
 21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 22 Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund, for workforce education grants,
 23 administrative and operating expenses of the Department of Education -
 24 Division of Higher Education - Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 for the
 25 fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
29 (01) WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015	
30 EXPENSES	<u><u>\$8,000,000</u></u>

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 32 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - VETERAN'S APPROVING AGENCY - FEDERAL.
 33 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 34 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 35 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 36 Education - Division of Higher Education - Veteran's Approving Agency -

1 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$217,507
6 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	77,703
7 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	53,546
9 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,623
10 (C) PROF. FEES	0
11 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
13 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$358,379</u></u>

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15 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - AMERICORPS - OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 16 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division
 17 of Higher Education Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses,
 18 and grants and aid by the Department of Education - Division of Higher
 19 Education - AmeriCorps - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024,
 20 the following:

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22 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
24 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$314,152
25 (02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
26 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	116,071
27 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	363,650
29 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	85,650
30 (C) PROF. FEES	2,500
31 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
32 (E) DATA PROC.	0
33 (05) GRANTS AND AID	<u>50,000</u>
34 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$962,023</u></u>

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36 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - AMERICORPS - GRANTS AND AID. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 2 Division of Higher Education Fund Account, for grants and aid by the
 3 Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - AmeriCorps - Grants
 4 and Aid for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
8 (01) GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$2,010,704</u>

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10 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT
 11 LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 12 Department of Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund
 13 Account, for Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan & Scholarship
 14 Program loans and/or scholarships by the Department of Education - Division
 15 of Higher Education - Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and
 16 Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

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18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
20 (01) OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE	
21 STUDENT LOANS/SCHOLARSHIP	<u>\$400,000</u>

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23 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY
 24 EXPANSION BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 25 Education, to be payable from the Graduate Medical Education Fund, for
 26 planning grants to eligible entities for graduate medical education residency
 27 program expansion or new programs, and for board expenses and reimbursements
 28 of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education for the fiscal
 29 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) GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY	
34 EXPANSION BOARD	<u>\$400,000</u>

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36 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND

1 UNIVERSITIES GRANTS AND EXPANSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 2 Department of Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund
 3 Account, for grants for scholarships to Historically Black Colleges and
 4 Universities and for personal services and operating expenses as determined
 5 by the Division of Higher Education for outreach programs to promote
 6 awareness of those scholarships of the Department of Education - Division of
 7 Higher Education - HBCU Grants and Expenses for the fiscal year ending June
 8 30, 2024, the following:

10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
12	(01) HBCU GRANTS AND EXPENSES	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

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 14 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - NURSING PROGRAM EXPANSION GRANTS. There is
 15 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 16 Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund, for grants for the expansion or
 17 creation of nursing programs at eligible institutions of higher education
 18 statewide by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education for
 19 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
23	(01) NURSING PROGRAM EXPANSION GRANTS	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

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 25 SECTION 24. REGULAR SALARIES - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. There is
 26 hereby established for the Department of Education - Division of Higher
 27 Education - Northwest Technical Institute for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the
 28 following maximum number of regular employees.

30				Maximum Annual
31				Salary Rate
32	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
33	<u>No.</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
34			<u>Employees</u>	
34	(1)	N227N	NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE DIRECTOR	1 GRADE SE01
35	(2)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1 GRADE IT05
36	(3)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1 GRADE IT05

1	(4)	D068C INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
2	(5)	E077C NWTI AMMONIA REFRIGN TECH SPEC & TRG	1	GRADE GS13
3	(6)	E009C TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS12
4	(7)	E071C AMMONIA & INDUSTRIAL TRAINER	2	GRADE GS10
5	(8)	E013C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	5	GRADE GS10
6	(9)	E078C NWTI BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
7	(10)	E022C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
8	(11)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
9	(12)	E018C SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL FACULTY	12	GRADE GS08
10	(13)	E027C CAREER & TECHNICAL FACULTY	29	GRADE GS07
11	(14)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
12	(15)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
13	(16)	G144C TECHNICAL INSTITUTE PRG COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
14	(17)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
15	(18)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
16	(19)	C035C ASST REGISTRAR	1	GRADE GS05
17	(20)	G218C STUDENT RECRUITMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
18	(21)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	5	GRADE GS04
19	(22)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
20	(23)	A100C PAYROLL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS04
21	(24)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE GS03
22	(25)	S050C MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS03
23	(26)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS01
24		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	81	

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26 SECTION 25. EXTRA HELP - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. There is
 27 hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher
 28 Education - Northwest Technical Institute for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the
 29 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 30 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 31 hundred thirty-five (135) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
 32 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 33 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 34 classification.

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36 SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - STATE.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 2 from the Northwest Technical Institute Fund, for personal services and
 3 operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher
 4 Education - Northwest Technical Institute - State for the fiscal year ending
 5 June 30, 2024, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,585,355
10 (02) EXTRA HELP	516,673
11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,274,568
12 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	639,564
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	44,866
15 (C) PROF. FEES	0
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
17 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,061,026</u></u>

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 20 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - FEDERAL.

21 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 22 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 23 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 24 Education - Division of Higher Education - Northwest Technical Institute -
 25 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$50,322
30 (02) EXTRA HELP	245,000
31 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	38,576
32 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	14,278
34 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
35 (C) PROF. FEES	0
36 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$348,176</u>

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4 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - CASH.

5 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable

6 from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services

7 and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher

8 Education - Northwest Technical Institute - Cash for the fiscal year ending

9 June 30, 2024, the following:

10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
12	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$967,161
13	(02) EXTRA HELP	556,450
14	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	462,988
15	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,394,530
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
18	(C) PROF. FEES	375,000
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
20	(E) DATA PROC.	0
21	(05) RESALE	<u>325,000</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,296,129</u>

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24 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 25,

25 Chapter 7, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to codify

26 special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

27 25-7-103. Emergency grants – Extra help pool.

28 (a) An institution of higher education affected by a disaster

29 emergency resulting in the interruption of all or a significant portion of

30 campus operations may request disaster assistance through the Division of

31 Higher Education.

32 (b) Upon the declaration of a disaster emergency by the Governor under

33 § 12-75-107, an institution of higher education affected by the disaster

34 emergency may request, subject to the recommendation of the Director of the

35 Division of Higher Education and approval by the Governor, a grant from the

36 Disaster Relief Fund to:

1 (1) Return the institution of higher education to normal
2 operations; or

3 (2)(A) Enable a campus that is part of and incorporated into the
4 institution of higher education affected by the disaster emergency to provide
5 services to the students enrolled in the campus of the institution of higher
6 education affected by the disaster emergency.

7 (B) A certified law enforcement officer employed by an
8 institution of higher education during the declaration of a disaster
9 emergency by the Governor under § 12-75-107 may be granted jurisdiction at a
10 campus that is part of and incorporated into the institution of higher
11 education affected by the disaster emergency upon agreement of both campuses.

12 (c)(1) The division is authorized a pool of five hundred (500) extra
13 help positions for use in an emergency or a disaster event.

14 (2) The extra help positions authorized under subdivision (c)(1)
15 of this section may be assigned to:

16 (A) The campus affected by the disaster emergency; or

17 (B) A campus that is part of and incorporated into the
18 institution of higher education affected by the disaster emergency that is
19 providing services to the students enrolled in the campus affected by the
20 disaster emergency.

21 (3) The Governor may waive the restriction on periods of time
22 during which an employee may be employed as extra help during a fiscal year
23 under § 6-63-314.

24
25 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

27 DHE - REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Upon
28 determination by the president or chancellor of an institution of higher
29 education that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or
30 consolidation of administrative functions within the institution is necessary
31 for efficient and effective operations of the institution, the president or
32 chancellor, with approval of the institution’s board of trustees, may have
33 the authority to transfer positions, appropriations and related funds between
34 campuses, divisions, branches, and other budgetary units of the institution,
35 after receiving prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
36 Committee. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used

1 for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General
2 Assembly. The transfers, consolidations, or reorganizations which involve
3 academic programs shall be reviewed by the Division of Higher Education prior
4 to submission to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Provided,
5 however, that the institution shall be limited to submitting no more than two
6 (2) individual transaction transfer requests during any fiscal year and shall
7 be further limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the total General
8 Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, positions specific to
9 each institution, and no Tobacco Settlement funds or appropriations may be
10 reallocated pursuant to this section.

11 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
12 appropriation and general revenue funding for institutions of higher
13 education each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This
14 is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation
15 act(s) for institutions of higher education and the general revenue
16 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the
17 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that
18 institutions of higher education may operate more efficiently if some
19 flexibility is provided to institutions of higher education authorizing broad
20 powers under this section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate
21 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of
22 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this
23 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
24 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement
25 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
26 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is
27 void.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
29 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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31 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

33 DHE - WORK FORCE 2000 DEVELOPMENT FUND PROCEDURES. After the amounts to be
34 made available to the various technical colleges have been determined as set
35 out in Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B), such
36 documents as may be necessary shall be processed so that funds may be

1 transferred from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund to the State Treasury
2 fund or fund account from which the technical college draws its general
3 revenue support. Such funds as may be transferred shall not exceed 93.691%
4 of the total funds available from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund during
5 the fiscal year.

6 In the event that a technical institute or comprehensive lifelong learning
7 center which receives support from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund as
8 determined by law transfers or merges into the Arkansas Technical College and
9 Community College System for which Work Force 2000 Development Fund monies
10 are determined by law, then the actual amount of support from the Work Force
11 2000 Development Fund in the preceding fiscal year for such educational
12 institution shall be made available irrespective of any other provision of
13 law which sets out maximum levels of support from such fund.

14 The funds distributed under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of
15 those amounts collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall be
16 deposited into the Skills Development Fund to be used only for personal
17 services, grants, operation, support, and improvement of occupational,
18 vocational, technical, and workforce development programs by the Department
19 of Career Education - Office of Skills Development. The distributions of
20 funds under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of those amounts
21 collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall not apply to proceeds
22 allocated to schools, colleges and educational institutions under Arkansas
23 Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B).

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
25 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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27 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

29 DHE - BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND. After the sum of \$13,200,000 has been
30 deposited into the Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, any additional
31 deposits are to be transferred to the Research Development Fund there to be
32 used as provided by law.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
34 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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36 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-81-

1 1101(f), concerning tuition assistance for certain professional schools, is
2 amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

3 (f)(1)(A)(i) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, after
4 consulting with the recognized associations of each of the applicable medical
5 professions and other interested persons, shall determine the priorities for
6 the grants and loans under this section.

7 (ii) The division shall readjust, if necessary, the
8 number of positions for entering students to be funded for each grant or loan
9 based upon the priorities determined by the board.

10 (B) The division will allocate, based upon funds
11 appropriated, the number of eligible grant recipients to receive funds at
12 each participating institution for each applicable academic period.

13 (2)(A) Each participating institution will select eligible grant
14 recipients for each applicable academic period.

15 (B) In the event that the number of eligible students
16 accepted for enrollment at such participating institution exceeds the number
17 of eligible grant recipients for whom funds have been allocated by the
18 division from funds appropriated, such participating institution shall have
19 sole discretion in selecting the eligible students to designate as eligible
20 grant recipients.

21 (3) The division shall make grants according to the allocations
22 made by the division and selections made by the participating institutions.
23 The division shall have no obligation to make any grants except to the extent
24 that funds have been appropriated and funded for the program.

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26 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6,
27 Chapter 61, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to codify
28 special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

29 6-61-235. Reporting requirements – Financial aid programs.

30 The Division of Higher Education shall report annually by May 30 to the
31 House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education the:

32 (1) Budgeted allocation for each financial aid program that is
33 funded through the Higher Education Grants Fund Account for the upcoming
34 fiscal year; and

35 (2) Projections for the following fiscal year for the budgeted
36 allocation for each financial aid program that is funded through the Higher

1 Education Grants Fund Account.

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 3 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-60-
 4 113, concerning accountability and transparency at state-supported
 5 institutions of higher education, is amended to add an additional subsection
 6 to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

7 (c) A state-supported institution of higher education that receives
 8 state funds administered by the division for scholarships shall be subject to
 9 the audit of those state funds by Arkansas Legislative Audit, upon approval
 10 of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

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 12 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 21-5-
 13 1404, concerning effect of the Higher Education Uniform Classification and
 14 Compensation Act on appropriation acts, is amended to add an additional
 15 subsection to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as
 16 follows:

17 (e)(1) New funding through the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101
 18 et seq., that is determined by the Division of Higher Education to have been
 19 for salary increases for the current fiscal year for institutions of higher
 20 education shall be used exclusively for salary increases.

21 (2) New funding through the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-
 22 101 et seq., that is actually received for salary increases shall be spent
 23 exclusively for salary increases based upon the state general revenue portion
 24 of total unrestricted educational and general revenue.

25 (3)(A) Funding received under this subsection shall be used for
 26 no purposes other than to provide salary increases.

27 (B) Any designated funds not used for salary increases
 28 under this subsection shall be recouped at the end of each fiscal year and
 29 transferred by the division to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

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 31 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

33 DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
 34 transfer sufficient funding for the fiscal year from the Higher Education
 35 Grants Fund Account to the Division of Higher Education Fund Account in order
 36 to finance the personal services costs of a DHE Program Coordinator.

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 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

6 DHE - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon certification by the Director of the Division
7 of Higher Education that transfers are needed to make maximum utilization of
8 funds and appropriations provided for financial aid programs, and with the
9 approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and a review by the
10 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, funds and
11 appropriations may be transferred between financial aid programs to more
12 adequately align the appropriation with the number of eligible students.

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
14 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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16 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

18 DHE - TRANSFER OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH
19 EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. Upon certification to and with the approval of
20 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, surplus funds and appropriations may
21 be transferred between the appropriations provided for "Health Education
22 Grants and Loans" by this Act by the General Assembly for Dental Aid Grants
23 and Loans, Optometry Aid Grants and Loans, Veterinary Aid, Veterinary Med.
24 Loan Forgiveness Program, Podiatry Aid, and Chiropractic Aid.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
26 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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28 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

30 DHE - CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATIONS - TRANSFERS AND REPORTS. (a) Upon approval
31 by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education and the Chief
32 Fiscal Officer of the State, institutions of higher education may transfer
33 appropriation from the cash contingency appropriation to any other
34 appropriation made to the institution from cash funds including the
35 establishment of commitment items, and may transfer appropriation from the
36 contingency appropriation made payable from each institution's State Treasury

1 Fund to the state operations appropriation made payable from each
 2 institution's State Treasury Fund including the establishment of commitment
 3 items, and may transfer appropriation from the contingency appropriation made
 4 payable from the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund Accounts to any other
 5 appropriation made to the institution from Tobacco Settlement Program Fund
 6 Accounts including the establishment of commitment items.

7 (b) Contingency appropriation transfers shall only establish and
 8 supplement commitment items that were recommended by the Higher Education
 9 Coordinating Board in the budget manuals presented to the Legislative Council
 10 and Joint Budget Committee.

11 (c) The Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall
 12 report contingency appropriation transfers and the establishment of any
 13 commitment items authorized by this Section to the Legislative Council or
 14 Joint Budget Committee for review during its July meeting. The report shall
 15 include, by institution, the establishment of, and the amounts transferred
 16 to, each commitment item, the reasons therefor and the source of funds.
 17 Institutions shall submit contingency appropriation transfer and commitment
 18 item establishment requests authorized by this Section to the Division of
 19 Higher Education no later than July 1. Upon the failure of an institution to
 20 submit the required information by the July 1 deadline, the Department of
 21 Education - Division of Higher Education shall immediately notify by written
 22 notification the chairpersons of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
 23 Committee.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
 25 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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 27 SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6,
 28 Chapter 61, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to codify
 29 special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

30 6-61-236. Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program –
 31 Established.

32 (a) There is established the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship
 33 Program, which shall be administered by the Division of Higher Education and
 34 division staff.

35 (b) The program shall focus on the continued development of
 36 undergraduate academic research efforts at state-supported colleges and

1 universities.

2 (c) The division shall promulgate rules necessary for the
3 implementation and operation of the program.

4 (d) The responsibilities of the division in administering the program
5 shall include without limitation the following:

6 (1) The development of eligibility criteria for a recipient of a
7 fellowship under the program;

8 (2) The collection of applications for a fellowship under the
9 program;

10 (3) The coordination of student evaluations under the program;

11 (4) The distribution of public notices regarding the program;

12 and

13 (5) The funding of grants for academic research purposes under
14 the program.

15 (e) The division may expense costs associated with the administration
16 of the program from funds made payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund
17 Account for the program as authorized to be used for student assistance
18 grants and scholarships in the division's operative appropriation act.

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20 SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 23-115-
21 801(d)(3)(C), concerning lottery proceeds, is amended to codify special
22 language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

23 (C)(i) The office shall reimburse the division for the
24 costs of administering the scholarship awards funded with net proceeds from
25 the lottery after the Legislative Council's review under this subsection.

26 (ii) After the reimbursement of funds received by
27 the division from the office under subdivision (d)(3)(C)(i) of this section,
28 the division may refund the funds to the:

29 (a) Division of Higher Education Fund Account;

30 or

31 (b) Higher Education Grants Fund Account.

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33 SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-82-
34 1503, concerning the eligibility for amount of the Critical Needs Minority
35 Teacher Scholarship Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to
36 codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

1 (g) The Director of the Division of Higher Education shall:

2 (1)(A) Determine the amount available to fund the Critical Needs
3 Minority Teacher Scholarship Program.

4 (B) However, the amount determined under subdivision
5 (g)(1)(A) of this section shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars
6 (\$200,000); and

7 (2)(A) Certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the
8 Treasurer of State the amount determined under subdivision (g)(1)(A) of this
9 section to be transferred from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account.

10 (B)(i) Upon receipt of the certification under subdivision
11 (g)(2)(A) of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the
12 Treasurer of State shall transfer the necessary amount from the Higher
13 Education Grants Fund Account and the related appropriation to the University
14 of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Fund.

15 (ii) The university may use up to twenty percent
16 (20%) of the funds and appropriation received under subdivision (g)(2)(B)(i)
17 of this section for the administration of the Critical Needs Minority Teacher
18 Scholarship Program under this section.

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20 SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6,
21 Chapter 61, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to codify
22 special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

23 6-61-235. Administrative fees.

24 (a) The Division of Higher Education may recover nonrefundable
25 administrative fees related to the institutional certification and exemption
26 process for out-of-state, nonpublic, and for-profit colleges and
27 universities.

28 (b) Fees in this section eligible for recovery include:

29 (1) Notification fees;

30 (2) Application processing fees; and

31 (3) Travel expenses for individuals on the certification review
32 teams.

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34 SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

36 DHE WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State

1 may transfer, on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the
2 Auditor of the State, funding up to the amount authorized in the Workforce
3 Initiative Act of 2015 appropriation section in this Act, from the Division
4 of Higher Education Fund Account to the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund
5 in order to finance the distribution of grants identified under §6-60-107.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
7 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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9 SECTION 46. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

11 DHE - STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROMOTION. Of the general revenue that
12 is received by and distributed from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,
13 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer two hundred ninety-five
14 thousand dollars (\$295,000) to the Division of Higher Education Fund Account
15 to be allocated, budgeted, committed and distributed to the Statewide
16 Scholarship and Grant Promotion line item in the General Operations section
17 of this Act for the purpose of increasing public awareness of the
18 scholarships and grants offered by the State through the Arkansas Department
19 of Education - Division of Higher Education. The Department shall utilize a
20 minimum of one hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$147,500)
21 of the aforementioned total specifically for the promotion of the Arkansas
22 Futures Grant Program.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~
24 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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26 SECTION 47. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

28 GOVERNOR'S HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Department
29 of Education - Division of Higher Education shall provide for the
30 administration of the "Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship
31 Program" as appropriated in the Student Assistance Grants and Various
32 Scholarships Appropriation section of this Act to assist students accepted
33 into transitional programs for students with intellectual and/or
34 developmental disabilities at state institutions of higher education and
35 shall promulgate rules for the implementation of the program and for the
36 disbursement of scholarships to eligible students.

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

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 4 SECTION 48. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6,
 5 Chapter 51, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to codify
 6 special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

7 6-51-218. Northwest Technical Institute – Additional Teaching Load.

8 (a)(1) Any Full-time staff and ten (10) extra help positions at
 9 Northwest Technical Institute, may be paid up to

10 (A) Seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per clock hour for the
 11 fiscal year for noncredit teaching assignments; or

12 (B) Five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) per semester hour
 13 for the fiscal year for teaching courses beyond the defined teaching load.

14 (2) An amount paid under subdivision (a)(1) of this section may
 15 be in addition to an eligible institute employee’s maximum allowable salary.

16 (b) A teaching load that makes an institute employee eligible for
 17 additional payments under subsection (a) of this section shall not exceed one
 18 hundred fifty (150) clock hours or nine (9) semester credit hours per school
 19 year.

20 (c) This section applies only to credit and noncredit courses that are
 21 funded by private industry.

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 23 SECTION 49. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6,
 24 Chapter 62, Subchapter 8, pertaining to Women’s Sport Athletic Programs is
 25 amended to read as follows:

26 § 6-62-803(c) This section shall not apply to expenditures related to
 27 compliance with § 6-60-111 or increased compliance under 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f),
 28 nor the transfer of funds necessary to support women’s athletic programs.

29
 30 SECTION 50. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-62-
 31 110 is amended to read as follows:

32 6-62-110. Additional compensation for state-supported four-year institutions
 33 of higher education athletic department.

34 (a)(1) In recognition of the extra work involved in the participation
 35 of intercollegiate athletic teams in post-season competitions, and to promote
 36 exceptional achievement in the total sports program of each state-supported

1 four-year institution of higher education, the Chancellor or President of a
2 state-supported four-year institution of higher education, in accordance with
3 policies issued by its Board of Trustees, may approve additional compensation
4 for the athletic department and band personnel when any athletic team
5 participates in a post-season competition or achieves exceptional
6 recognition.

7 (2) Additional compensation approved under subdivision (a)(1) of
8 this section shall be in addition to the regular salaries authorized by law,
9 provided that the additional compensation shall be paid from income other
10 than state funds.

11 (b) A Board of Trustees of a state-supported four-year institution of
12 higher education may make additional payments to employees in the Athletic
13 Department at the institution, or to employees that directly support the
14 operation of the Athletic Department at the institution, in such amounts as
15 the Board of Trustees may determine is appropriate in view of the unusual and
16 exacting duties of such employees, provided the additional compensation shall
17 be paid from income other than state funds.

18 (c)(1) Any such allowances authorized in this section shall be in
19 addition to the regular salaries of such employees.

20 (2) If the allowance funds authorized under this section are
21 utilized, a state-supported four-year institution of higher education shall
22 report annually to the Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee the
23 exact disposition of those allowance funds.

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25 SECTION 51. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
26 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
27 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
28 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
29 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
30 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
31 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
32 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
33 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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35 SECTION 52. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
36 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

1 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
2 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
3 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
4 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
5 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
6 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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8 SECTION 53. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
9 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
10 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
11 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023, with the exception that Section 49
12 is effective upon passage and approval, is essential to the operation of the
13 agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the
14 event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective
15 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023, with the exception that Section 49 is
16 effective upon passage and approval, could work irreparable harm upon the
17 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
18 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
19 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
20 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023 with the
21 exception that Section 49 is effective upon passage and approval.
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