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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1028

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 - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY FOR THE FISCAL  
11 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
15 ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY APPROPRIATION FOR  
16 THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
23 Department of Education - Arkansas State Library for the 2024-2025 fiscal  
24 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
30	(1) U031U	STATE LIBRARY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
31	(2) N161N	STATE LIBRARY DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
32	(3) E012C	STATE LIBRARY DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
33	(4) E021C	STATE LIBRARY MANAGER	9	GRADE GS09
34	(5) E030C	LIBRARY COORDINATOR	5	GRADE GS08
35	(6) E041C	SENIOR LIBRARIAN	7	GRADE GS07
36	(7) A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06



1	(8)	E052C LIBRARIAN	3	GRADE GS06
2	(9)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
3	(10)	V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
4	(11)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
5	(12)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
6	(13)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE GS03
7	(14)	C069C LIBRARY TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS03
8	(15)	C085C LIBRARY SUPPORT ASSISTANT	5	GRADE GS02
9	(16)	C088C MAIL SERVICES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS02
10	(17)	C089C LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS01
11		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	49	

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13 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,  
 14 for the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library - State Operations  
 15 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or  
 16 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 17 appropriated herein for such purposes: seven (7) temporary or part-time  
 18 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 19 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act  
 20 for the appropriate classification.

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22 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 23 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the State  
 24 Library Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 25 Department of Education - Arkansas State Library - State Operations for the  
 26 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,750,087
31	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
32	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	668,326
33	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,125,091
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	0

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(05) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	0
4	(06) BOOKS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	<u>230,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,793,504</u></u>

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7 SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby

8 authorized, for the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library -

9 Federal Operations for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum

10 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",

11 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary

12 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those

13 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its

14 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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16 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby

17 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal

18 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal

19 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas

20 State Library - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,

21 the following:

23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
25	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$502,646
26	(02) EXTRA HELP	22,000
27	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	224,084
28	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,357,700
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	145,000
31	(C) PROF. FEES	0
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	40,000
33	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,291,430</u></u>

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36 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES. There is hereby

1 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the State  
 2 Library Public School Fund Account, to provide aid to public libraries by the  
 3 Department of Education - Arkansas State Library - Aid to Public Libraries  
 4 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
8 (01) AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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10 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS ADMINISTRATION - CASH. There is  
 11 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the  
 12 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal  
 13 Officer of the State, for operating expenses, grants to libraries, and  
 14 promotional items by the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library -  
 15 Grants Administration - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the  
 16 following:

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18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
20 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$223,000
22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	150,000
23 (C) PROF. FEES	0
24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25 (E) DATA PROC.	0
26 (02) GRANTS TO LIBRARIES	0
27 (03) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>0</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$373,000</u>

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30 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - STATE LIBRARY REVOLVING. There is hereby  
 31 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the State  
 32 Library Revolving Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Education  
 33 - Arkansas State Library - State Library Revolving for the fiscal year ending  
 34 June 30, 2025, the following:

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36 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
2	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$6,622
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,622</u></u>

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

12 CARRY FORWARD. At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024,  
13 any unexpended balance of monies provided from the State Library Fund Account  
14 for Books and Subscriptions, as provided in the State Operations  
15 Appropriation of this Act, shall be transferred forward and made available  
16 for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

17 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein,  
18 may be carried forward under the following conditions:

19 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 the Agency shall by written statement  
20 set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the  
21 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

22 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall  
23 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the  
24 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting  
25 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or  
26 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name  
27 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the  
28 written request set forth in (1) above;

29 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a  
30 written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee  
31 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written  
32 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for  
33 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)  
34 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents  
35 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget  
36 Committee; and

1 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall  
2 include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals  
3 and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or  
4 Institution.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
6 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

10 TRANSFER OF FUNDS - PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State  
11 shall establish upon request from the Arkansas Department of Education -  
12 Arkansas State Library a special appropriation line item to be used in the  
13 acquisition of promotional items. When the Department of Education -  
14 Arkansas State Library wishes to transfer monies from its operating expenses  
15 to promotional items, the request shall be forwarded to the Chief Fiscal  
16 Officer of the State for processing after prior approval by the Arkansas  
17 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the maximum  
18 number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general  
19 revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the  
20 General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums  
21 in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue  
22 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the  
23 Revenue Stabilization Law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that  
24 the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library may operate more  
25 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Education -  
26 Arkansas State Library authorizing broad powers under this Section.  
27 Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly  
28 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or  
29 Joint Budget Committee as provided by this Section. The requirement of  
30 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a  
31 severable part of this Section. If the requirement of approval by the  
32 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a  
33 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
35 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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1 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. STATE  
3 FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES PROVISIONS.

4 (i) The Department of Education – Arkansas State Library provides  
5 grants and aid to Libraries across the state. The Arkansas State Library  
6 has developed the Standards for State Aid to public libraries which creates  
7 standards public libraries must meet to be eligible for state aid.

8 (ii) The Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries contains the  
9 requirement that a public library shall maintain a one-mill county or city  
10 property tax, and the requirement that the library have a qualified  
11 librarian.

12 (iii) Less populated areas in the State may not have the ability to  
13 pass and maintain a one-mill county or city property tax.

14 (iv) Due to the importance that the public library represents to rural  
15 communities, the Arkansas State Library shall review and modify the  
16 requirements that prevent rural public libraries from receiving state grant  
17 and aid that is authorized by the General Assembly, as set out in subsection  
18 (v).

19 (v) Therefore, the Arkansas State Library shall promulgate rules that  
20 allow a public library to adequately demonstrate a source of revenue in lieu  
21 of the requirement to maintain a one-mill county or city property tax.

22 (vi) One month prior to the distribution of state aid to public  
23 libraries for the 2025 Fiscal Year, the Arkansas State Library shall report  
24 to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, if meeting in  
25 legislative session, the revised Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries  
26 which shall address in writing the actions taken to address the issues as set  
27 out in this section. The report shall include all criteria, including but  
28 not limited to how a local public library may become certified to receive  
29 funding from the Arkansas State Library.

30 (vii) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July  
31 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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33 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
34 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
35 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
36 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

1 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
2 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
3 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
4 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
5 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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16 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
17 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
18 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
19 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of  
20 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
21 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
22 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm  
23 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
24 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
25 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
26 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.