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SENATE BILL 37

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 SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND  
11 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
16 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND  
17 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF  
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 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 - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is  
26 hereby established for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the  
27 Blind for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
28 employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
34	(1) U030U	BLIND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	1	GRADE SE01
35	(2) L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MP01
36	(3) L042C	SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP01



1	(4)	E004C SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	2	GRADE GS11
2	(5)	L040C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
3	(6)	E024C TEACHER SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
4	(7)	E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	33	GRADE GS08
5	(8)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
6	(9)	M024C RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
7	(10)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
8	(11)	S009C ASD/ASB TRANSPORTATION SERVICES COORD	1	GRADE GS06
9	(12)	E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	2	GRADE GS06
10	(13)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	2	GRADE GS06
11	(14)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	2	GRADE GS05
12	(15)	S038C TRANSIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
13	(16)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
14	(17)	S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
15	(18)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
16	(19)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE GS03
17	(20)	C058C EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL	11	GRADE GS03
18	(21)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
19	(22)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
20	(23)	M074C RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR	10	GRADE GS03
21	(24)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS02
22	(25)	S062C INSTITUTIONAL BUS DRIVER	1	GRADE GS02
23	(26)	S086C COOK	7	GRADE GS01
24	(27)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	4	GRADE GS01
25	(28)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
26		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	98	

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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind for the 2024-2025 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: seventeen (17) 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 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,424,958
(02) EXTRA HELP	5,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,734,374
(04) OVERTIME	10,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,232,747
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	16,329
(C) PROF. FEES	76,308
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	1,200,000
(07) VOCATIONAL WORK STUDY	10,000
(08) SUMMER PROJECTS	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$8,859,716</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Federal Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$97,092
(02) EXTRA HELP	15,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,385

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	703,998
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	41,382
4	(C) PROF. FEES	112,776
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	85,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,094,633</u>

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9 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE  
 10 BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
 11 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating  
 12 expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind -  
 13 Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
17	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$186,508
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	13,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(02) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>125,000</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$474,508</u>

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26 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS - ARKANSAS  
 27 SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
 28 Education, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for  
 29 purchasing, copying, and shipping braille and large print textbooks for the  
 30 blind and visually impaired students attending public schools in Arkansas by  
 31 the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Braille and  
 32 Large Print Textbooks for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the  
 33 following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

1 (01) BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS \$223,024

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3 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - BUILDING DEMOLITION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-  
 4 UP - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
 5 Department of Education, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas  
 6 Code 19-4-801, for maintenance and general operating expenses related to the  
 7 environmental clean-up and site maintenance of the previously demolished  
 8 building on the Blind School grounds formerly occupied by Easter Seals  
 9 Arkansas of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind for  
 10 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

14	(01) MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL OPERATING	
15	EXPENSES	<u>\$2,080</u>

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17 SECTION 8. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is  
 18 hereby established for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the  
 19 Deaf for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
 20 employees.

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22			Maximum Annual
23			Salary Rate
24	Item Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
25	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
		<u>Employees</u>	
26	(1) U029U DEAF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	1	GRADE SE01
27	(2) L027C REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP02
28	(3) L045C AUDIOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP01
29	(4) L038C REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MP01
30	(5) L042C SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	5	GRADE MP01
31	(6) D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
32	(7) D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT03
33	(8) E004C SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	1	GRADE GS11
34	(9) E017C ASST PRINCIPAL	1	GRADE GS10
35	(10) E013C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
36	(11) E036C CERTIFIED MASTERS DEGREE LIBRARIAN	1	GRADE GS09

1	(12)	L040C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
2	(13)	E022C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
3	(14)	E025C EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS09
4	(15)	E015C SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
5	(16)	E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	34	GRADE GS08
6	(17)	M088C LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE GS08
7	(18)	M020C LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR	1	GRADE GS08
8	(19)	E029C SIGN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
9	(20)	E032C EDUCATION COUNSELOR	2	GRADE GS07
10	(21)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
11	(22)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
12	(23)	M024C RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
13	(24)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	2	GRADE GS06
14	(25)	M064C RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS05
15	(26)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	2	GRADE GS05
16	(27)	S038C TRANSIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
17	(28)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
18	(29)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
19	(30)	L078C FAMILY SERVICES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS04
20	(31)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
21	(32)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
22	(33)	S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
23	(34)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE GS04
24	(35)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	6	GRADE GS03
25	(36)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS03
26	(37)	C058C EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL	19	GRADE GS03
27	(38)	S057C LANDSCAPE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS03
28	(39)	C053C MEDICAL RECORDS TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
29	(40)	M074C RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR	23	GRADE GS03
30	(41)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS02
31	(42)	S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS02
32	(43)	S086C COOK	8	GRADE GS01
33	(44)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	5	GRADE GS01
34	(45)	M082C RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY LEADER I	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS01
35		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	150	

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SECTION 9. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf for the 2024-2025 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: fifty-five (55) 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 10. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the School for the Deaf Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,971,231
(02) EXTRA HELP	90,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,850,886
(04) OVERTIME	20,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,603,303
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	30,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	1,400,000
(07) VOCATIONAL WORKSTUDY	10,000
(08) MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES	<u>20,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,010,420</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer

1 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department  
 2 of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf - Federal Operations for the  
 3 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

4	5 ITEM	6 FISCAL YEAR
7	8 <u>NO.</u>	9 <u>2024-2025</u>
10	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$45,000
11	(02) EXTRA HELP	14,000
12	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	12,126
13	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	605,417
15	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	60,000
16	(C) PROF. FEES	300,393
17	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	45,000
18	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,081,936</u></u>

20 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE  
 21 DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
 22 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating  
 23 expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf - Cash  
 24 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

25	26 ITEM	27 FISCAL YEAR
28	29 <u>NO.</u>	30 <u>2024-2025</u>
31	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
32	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$149,136
33	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
34	(C) PROF. FEES	6,750
35	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	30,000
36	(E) DATA PROC.	0
37	(02) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>29,114</u>
38	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$230,000</u></u>

39 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 40 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.



1 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the  
 2 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Blind shall  
 3 transfer appropriation from the Summer Projects line item, in the State  
 4 Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the Regular Salaries, Extra Help,  
 5 Personal Services Matching, Overtime and Maintenance & General Operations  
 6 line items in the State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to compensate  
 7 staff who work during the summer months on summer projects, and to cover  
 8 other expenses of summer project activities. The Summer Projects line item  
 9 may also be used for the annual cost related to the compensation of eligible  
 10 staff for shift differential pay as well as compensation of employees for  
 11 performance of duties assigned as referenced in the Special Allowance Special  
 12 Language Section of this Act. Such additional compensation shall not be  
 13 construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
 15 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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 17 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 19 ADE - ASB - SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. Employees who, in addition to working  
 20 during the regular school term, also work during summer months shall be  
 21 authorized as additional compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their  
 22 annual salary for each month or part thereof worked. Such additional  
 23 compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary  
 24 authorized for said employees. Payment of additional compensation shall be  
 25 limited to employees in the following classifications:

26	CLASS CODE	SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS	GRADE
27	E044C	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	GS06
28	M026C	Licensed Social Worker	GS07
29	M020C	Licensed Professional Counselor	GS08
30	E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
31	M088C	Licensed Master Social Worker	GS08
32	E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
33	E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
34	E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10
35	E026C	Education & Instruction Coordinator	GS08
36	E015C	Special Education Supervisor	GS09

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2023  
2 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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4 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
6 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - CERTIFIED MASTERS OR BACHELOR TEACHERS  
7 ENTERING STATE SERVICE. Upon the superintendent’s certification to the State  
8 Personnel Administrator of prior service at an educational institution and  
9 with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the salary of  
10 teachers entering state service as teachers for the sensory impaired may be  
11 adjusted to a rate of pay closest to but not less than the annual salary they  
12 would have received from their previous employer, effective upon employment  
13 at ASD or ASB.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2023  
15 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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17 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
19 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - SPECIAL RATES OF PAY. Due to the need to meet  
20 the minimum compensation schedule as established by Act 74 of the 2nd  
21 Extraordinary Session of the 84th General Assembly, or its successor, for  
22 public school teachers, counselors, and librarians and other education  
23 professionals as listed in subsection (a) below, the Arkansas School for the  
24 Blind is authorized to adjust current or new employees to at least the  
25 minimum level of compensation for public school employees.

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

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

36 (a) CLASS CODE TITLE GRADE

1	E044C	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	GS06
2	E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
3	E036C	Certified Masters Degree Librarian	GS09
4	E032C	Education Counselor	GS07
5	L042C	School Speech Pathologist	MP01
6	E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
7	E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
8	E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10
9	E004C	School Principal	GS11

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

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
 19 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

23 CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS - ASB.

24 (a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be  
 25 transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor  
 26 of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the School for the  
 27 Blind Fund Account on June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024 into a sub-fund created within the  
 28 School for the Blind Fund Account to be used for special maintenance,  
 29 renovations, or future construction projects of the Department of Education -  
 30 Arkansas School for the Blind.

31 (b) Any carry forward of the unexpended balance of funding as  
 32 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

33 (1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and  
 34 Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried  
 35 forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint  
 36 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency,

1 board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward,  
2 the program name or line item and the funding source; and

3 (2) The Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind  
4 shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
5 Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this  
6 section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department  
7 presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
8 Committee, or both; and

9 (3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall  
10 include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the  
11 budget manuals.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
13 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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15 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

17 ADE - ASD - SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. Employees who, in addition to working  
18 during the regular school term, also work during summer months shall be  
19 authorized as additional compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their  
20 annual salary for each month or part thereof worked. Such additional  
21 compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary  
22 authorized for said employees.

23 Payment of additional compensation shall be limited to employees in the  
24 following classifications:

25 CLASS CODE	SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS	GRADE
26 E044C	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	GS06
27 E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
28 L042C	School Speech Pathologist	MP01
29 L045C	Audiologist	MP01
30 E036C	Certified Master's Degree Librarian	GS09
31 E032C	Education Counselor	GS07
32 M020C	Licensed Professional Counselor	GS08
33 E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
34 E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
35 E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10
36 E004C	School Principal	GS11

1 E026C Education & Instruction Coordinator GS08  
2 E015C Special Education Supervisor GS09

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
4 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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6 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the  
9 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Deaf shall  
10 transfer appropriation from the Miscellaneous Activities line item in the  
11 State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the Regular Salaries, Extra  
12 Help, Personal Service Matching, Overtime, and Maintenance and General  
13 Operations line items also in the State Operations Appropriation, to  
14 compensate staff who work during the summer months on summer projects and to  
15 cover other expenses of summer project activities. The Miscellaneous  
16 Activities line item may also be used for the annual cost related to the  
17 payment of contracted interpreter services, compensation of eligible staff  
18 for shift differential pay, and compensation of employees for performance of  
19 duties assigned as referenced in the Special Allowance Special Language of  
20 this Act. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding  
21 the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
23 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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25 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

27 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - SPECIAL RATES OF PAY. Due to the need to meet  
28 the minimum compensation schedule as established by Act 74 of the 2nd  
29 Extraordinary Session of the 84th General Assembly, or its successor, for  
30 public school teachers, counselors, and librarians and other education  
31 professionals as listed in subsection (a) below, the Arkansas School for the  
32 Deaf is authorized to adjust current or new employees to at least the minimum  
33 level of compensation for public school employees.

34 For current or new employees in the positions listed in subsection (a)  
35 below, the Arkansas School for the Deaf may implement salary adjustments to  
36 maintain equity between their teacher salaries and those of Central Arkansas

1 Public School Systems only after a plan for determining and implementing  
2 those adjustments has been reviewed by the Office of Personnel Management and  
3 by the Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
4 Budget Committee and approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

5 For purposes of implementing the plan, the Arkansas School for the Deaf is  
6 authorized special rates of pay up to the maximum of the assigned grade for  
7 classifications listed in subsection (a) below.

8 (a) CLASS CODE	TITLE	GRADE
9 E044C	Certified Bachelors Teacher	GS06
10 E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
11 E036C	Certified Masters Degree Librarian	GS09
12 E032C	Education Counselor	GS07
13 L042C	School Speech Pathologist	MP01
14 E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
15 E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
16 E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10
17 E004C	School Principal	GS11

18 Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that is  
19 supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required, be  
20 provided by a transfer from the Performance Fund to the proper fund or fund  
21 account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
22 State. The Arkansas School for the Deaf shall, in addition to the funds  
23 provided in this Act for Annual Career Service Recognition Payments from the  
24 Performance Fund, make available any funding generated from agency salary  
25 savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as provided by law.

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
27 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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29 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
31 CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS - ASD.

32 (a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be  
33 transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor  
34 of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the School for the  
35 Deaf Fund Account on June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024 into a sub-fund created within the  
36 School for the Deaf Fund Account to be used for special maintenance,

1 renovations, or future construction projects of the Department of Education -  
2 Arkansas School for the Deaf.

3 (b) Any carry forward of the unexpended balance of funding as  
4 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

5 (1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and  
6 Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried  
7 forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint  
8 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency,  
9 board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward,  
10 the program name or line item and the funding source; and

11 (2) The Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf  
12 shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
13 Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this  
14 section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department  
15 presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
16 Committee, or both; and

17 (3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall  
18 include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the  
19 budget manuals.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
21 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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33 SECTION 23. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
34 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
35 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
36 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

1 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
2 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
3 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
4 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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6 SECTION 24. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
7 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
8 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
9 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of  
10 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
11 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
12 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm  
13 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
14 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
15 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
16 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.  
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