

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2024  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 58

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, 2025; 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
27 employees.  
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Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual Salary Rate
No.	Code Title	No. of Employees	Fiscal Year 2024-2025
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	18	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	54	

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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education 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: fifteen (15) 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 - 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,160,509
(02) EXTRA HELP	75,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	710,349
(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>\$4,274,863</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 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: 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, 2025, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$162,077
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	20,000
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	53,115
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>\$308,192</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, 2025, the  
 22 following:

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24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</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	4,000,000
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>\$64,950,000</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, 2025, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$152,979
23	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	50,334
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>\$548,584</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 2025, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</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, 2025, the following:

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17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</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, 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	\$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, 2025, the 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	\$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, 2025, the following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</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, 2025, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
12	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$280,701
13	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	89,796
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>\$10,401,928</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, 2025, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</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, 2025, the  
 5 following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$467,936
10 (02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	169,018
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>\$1,176,954</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, 2025, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</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, 2025, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$217,507
6 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	80,343
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>\$361,019</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, 2025,  
 20 the following:

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22 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
24 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$314,152
25 (02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
26 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	120,031
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>\$965,983</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, 2025, the following:

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6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</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, 2025, the following:

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18 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</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, 2025, the following:

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31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
33 (01) GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY	
34 EXPANSION BOARD	<u>\$10,000,000</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, 2025, the following:

10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</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, 2025, the following:

21 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
23 (01) NURSING PROGRAM EXPANSION GRANTS	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

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25 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP  
26 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
27 payable from the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program Fund, for  
28 scholarships, personal services, and operating expenses necessary to create  
29 and maintain the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program by the  
30 Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Arkansas Teacher  
31 Academy Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the  
32 following:

34 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
36 (01) ARKANSAS TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP	

1 PROGRAM \$12,000,000

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3 SECTION 25. REGULAR SALARIES - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. There is  
 4 hereby established for the Department of Education - Division of Higher  
 5 Education - Northwest Technical Institute for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the  
 6 following maximum number of regular employees.

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8 Maximum Annual

9 Salary Rate

10 Item Class Maximum Fiscal Year

11 No. Code Title No. of 2024-2025  
Employees

12	(1)	N227N	NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
13	(2)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
14	(3)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
15	(4)	D068C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
16	(5)	E077C	NWTI AMMONIA REFRIGN TECH SPEC & TRG	1	GRADE GS13
17	(6)	E009C	TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS12
18	(7)	E071C	AMMONIA & INDUSTRIAL TRAINER	2	GRADE GS10
19	(8)	E013C	EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	5	GRADE GS10
20	(9)	E078C	NWTI BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
21	(10)	E022C	EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
22	(11)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
23	(12)	E018C	SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL FACULTY	12	GRADE GS08
24	(13)	E027C	CAREER & TECHNICAL FACULTY	29	GRADE GS07
25	(14)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
26	(15)	S017C	MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
27	(16)	G144C	TECHNICAL INSTITUTE PRG COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
28	(17)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
29	(18)	S033C	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
30	(19)	C035C	ASST REGISTRAR	1	GRADE GS05
31	(20)	G218C	STUDENT RECRUITMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
32	(21)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	5	GRADE GS04
33	(22)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
34	(23)	A100C	PAYROLL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS04
35	(24)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE GS03
36	(25)	S050C	MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS03

1 (26) S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT 2 GRADE GS01  
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 81  
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4 SECTION 26. EXTRA HELP - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. There is  
 5 hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher  
 6 Education - Northwest Technical Institute for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the  
 7 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as  
 8 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one  
 9 hundred thirty-five (135) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at  
 10 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 11 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 12 classification.  
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14 SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - STATE.  
 15 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable  
 16 from the Northwest Technical Institute Fund, for personal services and  
 17 operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher  
 18 Education - Northwest Technical Institute - State for the fiscal year ending  
 19 June 30, 2025, the following:  
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21 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
23 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,585,355
24 (02) EXTRA HELP	516,673
25 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,312,847
26 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	668,564
28 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	44,866
29 (C) PROF. FEES	0
30 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
31 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
32 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,128,305</u></u>

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 34 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - FEDERAL.  
 35 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable  
 36 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

1 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 2 Education - Division of Higher Education - Northwest Technical Institute -  
 3 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$50,322
8 (02) EXTRA HELP	245,000
9 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,236
10 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	14,278
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
13 (C) PROF. FEES	0
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
15 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$348,836</u></u>

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 18 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - CASH.  
 19 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable  
 20 from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services  
 21 and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher  
 22 Education - Northwest Technical Institute - Cash for the fiscal year ending  
 23 June 30, 2025, the following:

24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
26 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$967,161
27 (02) EXTRA HELP	556,450
28 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	477,508
29 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,394,530
31 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
32 (C) PROF. FEES	375,000
33 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
34 (E) DATA PROC.	0
35 (05) RESALE	<u>325,000</u>
36 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,310,649</u></u>

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

4 DHE - REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Upon  
5 determination by the president or chancellor of an institution of higher  
6 education that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or  
7 consolidation of administrative functions within the institution is necessary  
8 for efficient and effective operations of the institution, the president or  
9 chancellor, with approval of the institution's board of trustees, may have  
10 the authority to transfer positions, appropriations and related funds between  
11 campuses, divisions, branches, and other budgetary units of the institution,  
12 after receiving prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
13 Committee. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used  
14 for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General  
15 Assembly. The transfers, consolidations, or reorganizations which involve  
16 academic programs shall be reviewed by the Division of Higher Education prior  
17 to submission to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Provided,  
18 however, that the institution shall be limited to submitting no more than two  
19 (2) individual transaction transfer requests during any fiscal year and shall  
20 be further limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the total General  
21 Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, positions specific to  
22 each institution, and no Tobacco Settlement funds or appropriations may be  
23 reallocated pursuant to this section.

24 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
25 appropriation and general revenue funding for institutions of higher  
26 education each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This  
27 is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation  
28 act(s) for institutions of higher education and the general revenue  
29 allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the  
30 Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that  
31 institutions of higher education may operate more efficiently if some  
32 flexibility is provided to institutions of higher education authorizing broad  
33 powers under this section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate  
34 that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of  
35 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this  
36 section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint



1 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement  
2 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled  
3 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is  
4 void.

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

10 DHE - WORK FORCE 2000 DEVELOPMENT FUND PROCEDURES. After the amounts to be  
11 made available to the various technical colleges have been determined as set  
12 out in Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B), such  
13 documents as may be necessary shall be processed so that funds may be  
14 transferred from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund to the State Treasury  
15 fund or fund account from which the technical college draws its general  
16 revenue support. Such funds as may be transferred shall not exceed 93.691%  
17 of the total funds available from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund during  
18 the fiscal year.

19 In the event that a technical institute or comprehensive lifelong learning  
20 center which receives support from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund as  
21 determined by law transfers or merges into the Arkansas Technical College and  
22 Community College System for which Work Force 2000 Development Fund monies  
23 are determined by law, then the actual amount of support from the Work Force  
24 2000 Development Fund in the preceding fiscal year for such educational  
25 institution shall be made available irrespective of any other provision of  
26 law which sets out maximum levels of support from such fund.

27 The funds distributed under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of  
28 those amounts collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall be  
29 deposited into the Skills Development Fund to be used only for personal  
30 services, grants, operation, support, and improvement of occupational,  
31 vocational, technical, and workforce development programs by the Department  
32 of Career Education - Office of Skills Development. The distributions of  
33 funds under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of those amounts  
34 collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall not apply to proceeds  
35 allocated to schools, colleges and educational institutions under Arkansas  
36 Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B).

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 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
6 DHE - BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND. After the sum of \$13,200,000 has been  
7 deposited into the Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, any additional  
8 deposits are to be transferred to the Research Development Fund there to be  
9 used as provided by law.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
11 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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13 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
15 DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall  
16 transfer sufficient funding for the fiscal year from the Higher Education  
17 Grants Fund Account to the Division of Higher Education Fund Account in order  
18 to finance the personal services costs of a DHE Program Coordinator.

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

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22 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
24 DHE - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon certification by the Director of the Division  
25 of Higher Education that transfers are needed to make maximum utilization of  
26 funds and appropriations provided for financial aid programs, and with the  
27 approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and a review by the  
28 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, funds and  
29 appropriations may be transferred between financial aid programs to more  
30 adequately align the appropriation with the number of eligible students.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
32 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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34 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
36 DHE - TRANSFER OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH

1 EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. Upon certification to and with the approval of  
2 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, surplus funds and appropriations may  
3 be transferred between the appropriations provided for "Health Education  
4 Grants and Loans" by this Act by the General Assembly for Dental Aid Grants  
5 and Loans, Optometry Aid Grants and Loans, Veterinary Aid, Veterinary Med.  
6 Loan Forgiveness Program, Podiatry Aid, and Chiropractic Aid.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
8 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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10 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

12 DHE - CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATIONS - TRANSFERS AND REPORTS. (a) Upon approval  
13 by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education and the Chief  
14 Fiscal Officer of the State, institutions of higher education may transfer  
15 appropriation from the cash contingency appropriation to any other  
16 appropriation made to the institution from cash funds including the  
17 establishment of commitment items, and may transfer appropriation from the  
18 contingency appropriation made payable from each institution's State Treasury  
19 Fund to the state operations appropriation made payable from each  
20 institution's State Treasury Fund including the establishment of commitment  
21 items, and may transfer appropriation from the contingency appropriation made  
22 payable from the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund Accounts to any other  
23 appropriation made to the institution from Tobacco Settlement Program Fund  
24 Accounts including the establishment of commitment items.

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

29 (c) The Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall  
30 report contingency appropriation transfers and the establishment of any  
31 commitment items authorized by this Section to the Legislative Council or  
32 Joint Budget Committee for review during its July meeting. The report shall  
33 include, by institution, the establishment of, and the amounts transferred  
34 to, each commitment item, the reasons therefor and the source of funds.  
35 Institutions shall submit contingency appropriation transfer and commitment  
36 item establishment requests authorized by this Section to the Division of

1 Higher Education no later than July 1. Upon the failure of an institution to  
 2 submit the required information by the July 1 deadline, the Department of  
 3 Education - Division of Higher Education shall immediately notify by written  
 4 notification the chairpersons of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
 5 Committee.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
 7 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

11 DHE WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State  
 12 may transfer, on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the  
 13 Auditor of the State, funding up to the amount authorized in the Workforce  
 14 Initiative Act of 2015 appropriation section in this Act, from the Division  
 15 of Higher Education Fund Account to the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund  
 16 in order to finance the distribution of grants identified under §6-60-107.

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

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

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

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

1 SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
3 GOVERNOR'S HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Department  
4 of Education - Division of Higher Education shall provide for the  
5 administration of the "Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship  
6 Program" as appropriated in the Student Assistance Grants and Various  
7 Scholarships Appropriation section of this Act to assist students accepted  
8 into transitional programs for students with intellectual and/or  
9 developmental disabilities at state institutions of higher education and  
10 shall promulgate rules for the implementation of the program and for the  
11 disbursement of scholarships to eligible students.

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

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25 SECTION 41. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
27 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
28 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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34 SECTION 42. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
35 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
36 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of  
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
3 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
4 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024, could work irreparable harm  
5 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
6 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
7 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
8 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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