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1 State of Arkansas  
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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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28 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 29 authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education  
 30 for the 2024-2025 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, 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:

6	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:

26	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:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(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:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE 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:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY 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. APPROPRIATION - SUSTAINABLE BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

4 FOR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. There is hereby  
 5 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the  
 6 Sustainable Building Maintenance Program for State-Supported Institutions of  
 7 Higher Education Revolving Loan Fund, for transfers or loans to a state-  
 8 supported institution of higher education for deferred maintenance, critical  
 9 maintenance, or renovation of state-owned property of the Department of  
 10 Education - Division of Higher Education - Sustainable Building Maintenance  
 11 Program for State-Supported Institutions of Higher Education for the fiscal  
 12 year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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14	<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
16	(01) LOANS	<u>\$4,555,985</u>

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18 SECTION 26. REGULAR SALARIES - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. There is  
 19 hereby established for the Department of Education - Division of Higher  
 20 Education - Northwest Technical Institute for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the  
 21 following maximum number of regular employees.

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				Maximum Annual
24			Maximum	Salary Rate
25	Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
26	<u>No.</u>	<u>Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
27	(1)	N227N NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
28	(2)	D054C COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
29	(3)	D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
30	(4)	D068C INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
31	(5)	E077C NWTI AMMONIA REFRIGN TECH SPEC & TRG	1	GRADE GS13
32	(6)	E009C TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS12
33	(7)	E071C AMMONIA & INDUSTRIAL TRAINER	2	GRADE GS10
34	(8)	E013C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	5	GRADE GS10
35	(9)	E078C NWTI BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
36	(10)	E022C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09

1	(11)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
2	(12)	E018C SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL FACULTY	12	GRADE GS08
3	(13)	E027C CAREER & TECHNICAL FACULTY	29	GRADE GS07
4	(14)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
5	(15)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
6	(16)	G144C TECHNICAL INSTITUTE PRG COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
7	(17)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
8	(18)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
9	(19)	C035C ASST REGISTRAR	1	GRADE GS05
10	(20)	G218C STUDENT RECRUITMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
11	(21)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	5	GRADE GS04
12	(22)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
13	(23)	A100C PAYROLL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS04
14	(24)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE GS03
15	(25)	S050C MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS03
16	(26)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS01
17		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	81	

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19 SECTION 27. EXTRA HELP - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. There is  
20 hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher  
21 Education - Northwest Technical Institute for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the  
22 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as  
23 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one  
24 hundred thirty-five (135) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at  
25 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
26 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
27 classification.

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29 SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - STATE.  
30 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable  
31 from the Northwest Technical Institute Fund, for personal services and  
32 operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher  
33 Education - Northwest Technical Institute - State 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) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,585,355
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	516,673
4	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,312,847
5	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	668,564
7	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	44,866
8	(C) PROF. FEES	0
9	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
10	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,128,305</u></u>

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13 SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - FEDERAL.

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 - Northwest Technical Institute -  
 18 Federal 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	\$50,322
23	(02) EXTRA HELP	245,000
24	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,236
25	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	14,278
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
28	(C) PROF. FEES	0
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
31	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$348,836</u></u>

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33 SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - CASH.

34 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable  
 35 from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services  
 36 and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher

1 Education - Northwest Technical Institute - Cash for the fiscal year ending  
 2 June 30, 2025, the following:

3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
5 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$967,161
6 (02) EXTRA HELP	556,450
7 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	477,508
8 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,394,530
10 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
11 (C) PROF. FEES	375,000
12 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
13 (E) DATA PROC.	0
14 (05) RESALE	<u>325,000</u>
15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,310,649</u></u>

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17 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 19 DHE - REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Upon  
 20 determination by the president or chancellor of an institution of higher  
 21 education that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or  
 22 consolidation of administrative functions within the institution is necessary  
 23 for efficient and effective operations of the institution, the president or  
 24 chancellor, with approval of the institution's board of trustees, may have  
 25 the authority to transfer positions, appropriations and related funds between  
 26 campuses, divisions, branches, and other budgetary units of the institution,  
 27 after receiving prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
 28 Committee. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used  
 29 for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General  
 30 Assembly. The transfers, consolidations, or reorganizations which involve  
 31 academic programs shall be reviewed by the Division of Higher Education prior  
 32 to submission to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Provided,  
 33 however, that the institution shall be limited to submitting no more than two  
 34 (2) individual transaction transfer requests during any fiscal year and shall  
 35 be further limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the total General  
 36 Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, positions specific to



1 each institution, and no Tobacco Settlement funds or appropriations may be  
2 reallocated pursuant to this section.

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

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

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

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

34 In the event that a technical institute or comprehensive lifelong learning  
35 center which receives support from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund as  
36 determined by law transfers or merges into the Arkansas Technical College and

1 Community College System for which Work Force 2000 Development Fund monies  
2 are determined by law, then the actual amount of support from the Work Force  
3 2000 Development Fund in the preceding fiscal year for such educational  
4 institution shall be made available irrespective of any other provision of  
5 law which sets out maximum levels of support from such fund.

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

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

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19 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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

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

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

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 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
3 DHE - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon certification by the Director of the Division  
4 of Higher Education that transfers are needed to make maximum utilization of  
5 funds and appropriations provided for financial aid programs, and with the  
6 approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and a review by the  
7 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, funds and  
8 appropriations may be transferred between financial aid programs to more  
9 adequately align the appropriation with the number of eligible students.

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 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
15 DHE - TRANSFER OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH  
16 EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. Upon certification to and with the approval of  
17 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, surplus funds and appropriations may  
18 be transferred between the appropriations provided for "Health Education  
19 Grants and Loans" by this Act by the General Assembly for Dental Aid Grants  
20 and Loans, Optometry Aid Grants and Loans, Veterinary Aid, Veterinary Med.  
21 Loan Forgiveness Program, Podiatry Aid, and Chiropractic Aid.

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 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
27 DHE - CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATIONS - TRANSFERS AND REPORTS. (a) Upon approval  
28 by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education and the Chief  
29 Fiscal Officer of the State, institutions of higher education may transfer  
30 appropriation from the cash contingency appropriation to any other  
31 appropriation made to the institution from cash funds including the  
32 establishment of commitment items, and may transfer appropriation from the  
33 contingency appropriation made payable from each institution's State Treasury  
34 Fund to the state operations appropriation made payable from each  
35 institution's State Treasury Fund including the establishment of commitment  
36 items, and may transfer appropriation from the contingency appropriation made

1 payable from the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund Accounts to any other  
2 appropriation made to the institution from Tobacco Settlement Program Fund  
3 Accounts including the establishment of commitment items.

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

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

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

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

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

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
33 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

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

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16 SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
18 GOVERNOR'S HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Department  
19 of Education - Division of Higher Education shall provide for the  
20 administration of the "Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship  
21 Program" as appropriated in the Student Assistance Grants and Various  
22 Scholarships Appropriation section of this Act to assist students accepted  
23 into transitional programs for students with intellectual and/or  
24 developmental disabilities at state institutions of higher education and  
25 shall promulgate rules for the implementation of the program and for the  
26 disbursement of scholarships to eligible students.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
28 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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30 SECTION 41. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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4 SECTION 42. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
5 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
6 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
7 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
8 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
9 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
10 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
11 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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13 SECTION 43. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
14 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
15 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
16 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of  
17 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
18 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
19 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024, could work irreparable harm  
20 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
21 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
22 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
23 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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25 /s/Joint Budget Committee  
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