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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 75

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND  
12 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
13 ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
17 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND  
18 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF  
19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
20 YEAR.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is  
27 hereby established for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the  
28 Blind for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
29 employees.  
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2025-2026
35	(1)	U030U BLIND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	1	GRADE SE01
36	(2)	L038C REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE MP01



1	(3)	L042C SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MP01
2	(4)	E004C SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	2	GRADE GS11
3	(5)	L040C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS09
4	(6)	E024C TEACHER SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
5	(7)	E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	33	GRADE GS08
6	(8)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
7	(9)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
8	(10)	S009C ASD/ASB TRANSPORTATION SERVICES COORD	1	GRADE GS06
9	(11)	E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	2	GRADE GS06
10	(12)	L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	2	GRADE GS06
11	(13)	M064C RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
12	(14)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	2	GRADE GS05
13	(15)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
14	(16)	S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
15	(17)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
16	(18)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE GS03
17	(19)	C058C EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL	12	GRADE GS03
18	(20)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
19	(21)	V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
20	(22)	M074C RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR	9	GRADE GS03
21	(23)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS02
22	(24)	S086C COOK	6	GRADE GS01
23	(25)	S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	4	GRADE GS01
24	(26)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS01
25		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	95	

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27 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby  
 28 authorized, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind  
 29 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or  
 30 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 31 appropriated herein for such purposes: seventeen (17) temporary or part-time  
 32 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 33 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act  
 34 for the appropriate classification.

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36 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE

1 BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
 2 payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for personal services and  
 3 operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the  
 4 Blind - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
 5 following:

7	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
9	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,299,941
10	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
11	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,690,455
12	(04) OVERTIME	10,000
13	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
14	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,419,747
15	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	21,329
16	(C) PROF. FEES	96,308
17	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
18	(E) DATA PROC.	0
19	(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	1,200,000
20	(07) VOCATIONAL WORKSTUDY	10,000
21	(08) SUMMER PROJECTS	<u>25,000</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,847,780</u></u>

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24 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE  
 25 BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
 26 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 27 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 28 Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Federal Operations for the fiscal  
 29 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$72,405
34	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
35	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	26,614
36	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	732,603
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	60,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	164,171
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	85,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,170,793</u></u>

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 8 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE  
 9 BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
 10 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for operating  
 11 expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind -  
 12 Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$211,508
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	23,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
21	(E) DATA PROC.	0
22	(02) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>125,000</u>
23	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$559,508</u></u>

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 25 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS - ARKANSAS  
 26 SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
 27 Education, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for  
 28 purchasing, copying, and shipping braille and large print textbooks for the  
 29 blind and visually impaired students attending public schools in Arkansas by  
 30 the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Braille and  
 31 Large Print Textbooks for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
 32 following:

34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
36	(01) BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS	<u><u>\$223,024</u></u>



1	(27)	S038C TRANSIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS05
2	(28)	V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
3	(29)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
4	(30)	L078C FAMILY SERVICES ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS04
5	(31)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
6	(32)	S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS04
7	(33)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE GS04
8	(34)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	5	GRADE GS03
9	(35)	L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS03
10	(36)	C058C EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL	19	GRADE GS03
11	(37)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
12	(38)	C053C MEDICAL RECORDS TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS03
13	(39)	M074C RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR	21	GRADE GS03
14	(40)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS02
15	(41)	S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS02
16	(42)	S086C COOK	7	GRADE GS01
17	(43)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	<u>3</u>	GRADE GS01
18		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	140	

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20 SECTION 8. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is hereby  
 21 authorized, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf  
 22 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or  
 23 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 24 appropriated herein for such purposes: fifty-five (55) temporary or part-time  
 25 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 26 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act  
 27 for the appropriate classification.

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29 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE  
 30 DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
 31 payable from the School for the Deaf Fund Account, for personal services and  
 32 operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the  
 33 Deaf - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
 34 following:

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36	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,732,040
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	95,000
4	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,631,059
5	(04) OVERTIME	25,000
6	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,752,763
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
9	(C) PROF. FEES	15,000
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
11	(E) DATA PROC.	0
12	(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	1,519,627
13	(07) VOCATIONAL WORKSTUDY	10,000
14	(08) MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES	<u>20,000</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$12,865,489</u>

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17 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR  
 18 THE DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to  
 19 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer  
 20 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department  
 21 of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf - Federal Operations for the  
 22 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$55,000
27	(02) EXTRA HELP	39,000
28	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	28,832
29	(04) OVERTIME	8,393
30	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	627,417
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	60,000
33	(C) PROF. FEES	245,000
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	90,000
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,153,642</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf - Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$228,136
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
(C) PROF. FEES	26,864
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	45,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$375,000</u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT NEEDS AND CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for student needs and campus enhancements of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf - Student Needs and Campus Enhancements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) STUDENT NEEDS AND CAMPUS ENHANCEMENTS	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>

SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Blind shall transfer appropriation from the Summer Projects line item, in the State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the Regular Salaries, Extra Help,



1 Personal Services Matching, Overtime and Maintenance & General Operations  
 2 line items in the State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to compensate  
 3 staff who work during the summer months on summer projects, and to cover  
 4 other expenses of summer project activities. The Summer Projects line item  
 5 may also be used for the annual cost related to the compensation of eligible  
 6 staff for shift differential pay as well as compensation of employees for  
 7 performance of duties assigned as referenced in the Special Allowance Special  
 8 Language Section of this Act. Such additional compensation shall not be  
 9 construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
 11 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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 13 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

22	<del>CLASS CODE</del>	<del>SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS</del>	<del>GRADE</del>
23	<del>E044C</del>	<del>Certified Bachelor's Teacher</del>	<del>GS06</del>
24	<del>M026C</del>	<del>Licensed Social Worker</del>	<del>GS07</del>
25	<del>M020C</del>	<del>Licensed Professional Counselor</del>	<del>GS08</del>
26	<del>E035C</del>	<del>Certified Masters Teacher</del>	<del>GS08</del>
27	<del>M088C</del>	<del>Licensed Master Social Worker</del>	<del>GS08</del>
28	<del>E024C</del>	<del>Teacher Supervisor</del>	<del>GS09</del>
29	<del>E025C</del>	<del>Educational Specialist</del>	<del>GS09</del>
30	<del>E017C</del>	<del>Assistant Principal</del>	<del>GS10</del>
31	<del>_____E026C</del>	<del>Education &amp; Instruction Coordinator</del>	<del>GS08</del>
32	<del>_____E015C</del>	<del>Special Education Supervisor</del>	<del>GS09</del>

33 Exempt employees who require job responsibilities less than 2080 hours may  
 34 work during summer months with approval from school Superintendent. Said  
 35 employees shall be authorized as additional compensation an amount not to  
 36 exceed 1/12 of their annual salary for each month or part thereof worked.

1 Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum  
2 salary authorized for said employees.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
4 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

8 CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS - ASB.

9 (a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be  
10 transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor  
11 of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the School for the  
12 Blind Fund Account on June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 into a sub-fund created within the  
13 School for the Blind Fund Account to be used for special maintenance,  
14 renovations, or future construction projects of the Department of Education -  
15 Arkansas School for the Blind.

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

18 (1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and  
19 Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried  
20 forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint  
21 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency,  
22 board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward,  
23 the program name or line item and the funding source; and

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

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

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
34 ~~2024-2025~~ through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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36 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
2 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the  
3 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Deaf shall  
4 transfer appropriation from the Miscellaneous Activities line item in the  
5 State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the Regular Salaries, Extra  
6 Help, Personal Service Matching, Overtime, and Maintenance and General  
7 Operations line items also in the State Operations Appropriation, to  
8 compensate staff who work during the summer months on summer projects and to  
9 cover other expenses of summer project activities. The Miscellaneous  
10 Activities line item may also be used for the annual cost related to the  
11 payment of contracted interpreter services, compensation of eligible staff  
12 for shift differential pay, and compensation of employees for performance of  
13 duties assigned as referenced in the Special Allowance Special Language of  
14 this Act. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding  
15 the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
17 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

21 CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS - ASD.

22 (a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be  
23 transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor  
24 of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the School for the  
25 Deaf Fund Account on June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 into a sub-fund created within the  
26 School for the Deaf Fund Account to be used for special maintenance,  
27 renovations, or future construction projects of the Department of Education -  
28 Arkansas School for the Deaf.

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

31 (1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and  
32 Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried  
33 forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint  
34 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency,  
35 board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward,  
36 the program name or line item and the funding source; and

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

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

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
11 ~~2024-2025~~ through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

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23 SECTION 19. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
24 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
25 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
26 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
27 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
28 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
29 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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32 SECTION 20. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
33 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
34 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
2 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
3 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
4 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
5 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
6 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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8 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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