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SENATE BILL 64

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 - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION FOR THE
12 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
17 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
19 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
26 Department of Education - Educational Television Division for the 2025-2026
27 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class	No.	Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
						Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
33	(1)	U032U	AR	PBS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
34	(2)	U087U	AR	PBS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
35	(3)	D007C		INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
36	(4)	D054C		COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05



1	(5)	D061C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORD SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
2	(6)	D056C SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	3	GRADE IT05
3	(7)	D036C AR PBS WEBSITE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT04
4	(8)	D068C INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
5	(9)	D066C DIGITAL BROADCAST SPECIALIST	8	GRADE IT03
6	(10)	D083C DIGITAL BROADCAST TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE IT02
7	(11)	A013N AR PBS ADMIN. & FINANCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
8	(12)	B007N AR PBS ENGINEERING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
9	(13)	E070C AR PBS HEAD OF AUDIENCE	1	GRADE GS13
10	(14)	A021C AGENCY CONTROLLER I	1	GRADE GS12
11	(15)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
12	(16)	E003C AR PBS EDUCATION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
13	(17)	E002C AR PBS MARKETING & ENGAGEMENT DIR	1	GRADE GS11
14	(18)	S002C AR PBS OPERATIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
15	(19)	P001C AR PBS PRODUCTION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
16	(20)	E001C AR PBS PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
17	(21)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
18	(22)	E063C AR PBS EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS10
19	(23)	E013C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
20	(24)	B018C SENIOR BROADCAST ENGINEER	3	GRADE GS10
21	(25)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
22	(26)	P007C AR PBS CHIEF POST PRODUCTION EDITOR	1	GRADE GS09
23	(27)	E022C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
24	(28)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
25	(29)	E026C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS08
26	(30)	E031C EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
27	(31)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
28	(32)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
29	(33)	P009C TELEVISION PRODUCTION MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
30	(34)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
31	(35)	E048C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS07
32	(36)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
33	(37)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
34	(38)	P012C TELEVISION PRODUCER	13	GRADE GS07
35	(39)	P008C TELEVISION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
36	(40)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06

1	(41)	P023C BROADCAST PROMOTION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
2	(42)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
3	(43)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
4	(44)	P017C TELEVISION PRODUCTION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
5	(45)	S039C TELEVISION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
6	(46)	P042C BROADCAST PRODUCTION SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS05
7	(47)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS05
8	(48)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
9	(49)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
10		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	93	

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

14 EXTRA HELP – STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the
 15 Department of Education - Educational Television Division – State Operations
 16 for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 17 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
 18 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time
 19 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 20 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the
 21 appropriate classification. Many of these positions are related to specific
 22 projects, and those positions so related are specifically exempt from
 23 limitations of hours, either by act or regulation.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
 25 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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 27 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 28 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 29 Educational Television Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 30 expenses of the Department of Education - Educational Television Division -
 31 State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,080,787
36	(02) EXTRA HELP	11,959

1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,477,338
2	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,445,387
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,015,471</u></u>

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10 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

12 EXTRA HELP – CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department

13 of Education - Educational Television Division - Cash Operations for the

14 ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or

15 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds

16 appropriated herein for such purposes: forty-six (46) temporary or part-time

17 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the

18 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the

19 appropriate classification. Many of these positions are related to specific

20 projects, and those positions so related are specifically exempt from

21 limitations of hours, either by act or regulation.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~

23 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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25 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby

26 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash

27 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal

28 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the

29 Department of Education - Educational Television Division - Cash Operations

30 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,309,409
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	366,930
36	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	491,700

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,665,555
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	56,450
4	(C) PROF. FEES	600,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,500,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(05) GRANTS AND AID	40,000
8	(06) RESALE (COGS)	5,000
9	(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,095,044</u></u>

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12 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

13 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

14 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

15 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

16 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

17 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal

18 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

19 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be

20 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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22 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

23 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

24 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

25 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

26 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

27 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

28 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

29 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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31 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General

32 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

33 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of

35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

36 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

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

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