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2 95th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1085

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

9 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
10 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
16 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
17 REAPPROPRIATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - ADE - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND
24 BLIND - DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the
25 Department of Education, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement
26 Fund, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf and
27 Blind the following:

28 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
29 in Item (A) of Section 1 and Item (A) of Section 2 of Act 81 of 2025, for
30 various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition,
31 improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities at the
32 Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind campus, in a sum not to
33 exceed.....\$20,750,936.

34 (B) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
35 in Item (A) of Section 1 of Act 332 of 2025, for various maintenance,
36 renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and



1 repair of real property and facilities, in a sum not to exceed...\$35,000,000.

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3 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - ADE - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND
4 BLIND - NCRC GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
5 Education, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources
6 Grant and Trust Fund, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for
7 the Deaf and Blind the following:

8 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
9 in Section 24 of Act 297 of 2025, for the acquisition, management,
10 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,
11 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$1,118,000.

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13 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
14 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
15 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
16 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
17 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
18 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
19 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
20 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
21 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
22 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
23 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
24 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

25 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
26 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
27 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
28 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
29 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
30 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
31 otherwise by law.

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33 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
34 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
35 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
36 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

1 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
2 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
3 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
4 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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6 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
7 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
8 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
9 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
10 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
11 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
12 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
13 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
14 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
15 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
16 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.
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