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SENATE BILL 93

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
established for the Department of Education - Shared Services for the 2025-
2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
(1)	SC004 SECRETARY OF EDUCATION	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	E080C ADE CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE SE04
(3)	U089U DHE DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(4)	G331C ADE CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE01
(5)	D011N ADE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS	1	GRADE SE01
(6)	N009N ASST COMMISSIONER FISCAL & ADMIN SVCS	1	GRADE SE01



1	(7)	D147C ADE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE IT12
2	(8)	D146C ADE ENTERPRISE ARCHITECT	1	GRADE IT11
3	(9)	D006N STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT	1	GRADE IT10
4	(10)	D022N IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	2	GRADE IT09
5	(11)	D104C ADE STATE SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT08
6	(12)	D006C SOFTWARE ENGINEER LEAD	1	GRADE IT08
7	(13)	D030C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	3	GRADE IT07
8	(14)	D028C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07
9	(15)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE IT06
10	(16)	D047C INFORMATION SYSTEMS BUSINESS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
11	(17)	D061C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05
12	(18)	G001N ADE LITIGATION ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS15
13	(19)	G281C ADE POLICY & SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
14	(20)	N002N DHE SENIOR ASSOC DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS15
15	(21)	N069N ADE SPECIAL ADVISOR	1	GRADE GS14
16	(22)	E001N ADE COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS	2	GRADE GS13
17	(23)	G012C ADE ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR	3	GRADE GS12
18	(24)	G025C ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS12
19	(25)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
20	(26)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS11
21	(27)	A031C ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE GS11
22	(28)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS11
23	(29)	E006C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
24	(30)	E061C ACE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
25	(31)	G075C ADE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS10
26	(32)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
27	(33)	G073C ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS10
28	(34)	E016C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
29	(35)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
30	(36)	A032C ADE FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
31	(37)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
32	(38)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
33	(39)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
34	(40)	E019C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
35	(41)	A082C ACCOUNTANT II	2	GRADE GS08
36	(42)	E031C EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS08

1	(43)	G093C OPERATIONS MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
2	(44)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	3	GRADE GS08
3	(45)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
4	(46)	A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
5	(47)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
6	(48)	S008C CAMPUS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
7	(49)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
8	(50)	A075C FINANCIAL ANALYST I	1	GRADE GS07
9	(51)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
10	(52)	P020C PRODUCTION ARTIST	2	GRADE GS07
11	(53)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
12	(54)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
13	(55)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS06
14	(56)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
15	(57)	A090C PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS05
16	(58)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
17	(59)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS04
18	(60)	V020C INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
19	(61)	C046C LEGAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
20	(62)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE GS04
21	(63)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
22		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	88	

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24 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is
 25 hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Shared Services Paying
 26 Account for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
 27 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 28 appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time
 29 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 30 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 31 for the appropriate classification.

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33 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - SHARED SERVICES PAYING ACCOUNT. There is
 34 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 35 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 36 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education -

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

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,769,373
(02) EXTRA HELP	80,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,227,462
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	100,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,486,835</u></u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - State Operations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	No. of	Salary Rate
No.	Code	Title	Fiscal Year
		Employees	2025-2026
(1)	E083C	ADE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF EDUCATION	1 GRADE SE04
(2)	U027U	DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION	1 GRADE SE03
(3)	E081C	ADE ASSOCIATE DEPUTY	3 GRADE SE02
(4)	N005N	ADE ASST COMMISSIONER LEARNING SERVICES	1 GRADE SE01
(5)	N006N	ADE ASST COMMISSIONER PUB SCH ACCOUNT	1 GRADE SE01
(6)	N008N	ASST COMMISSIONER RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY	1 GRADE SE01
(7)	N010N	ASST COMMR EDUC EFFECTIVENESS	1 GRADE SE01
(8)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1 GRADE MP02
(9)	D104C	ADE STATE SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	4 GRADE IT08
(10)	D030C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1 GRADE IT07
(11)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1 GRADE IT05

1	(12)	D047C INFORMATION SYSTEMS BUSINESS ANALYST	2	GRADE IT05
2	(13)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
3	(14)	D044C SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
4	(15)	D064C WEBSITE DEVELOPER	1	GRADE IT04
5	(16)	D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE IT02
6	(17)	E082C ADE PROGRAM DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
7	(18)	N069N ADE SPECIAL ADVISOR	7	GRADE GS14
8	(19)	E003N ADE COORD SCH. IMP / STANDARDS ASSUR	1	GRADE GS13
9	(20)	E001N ADE COORDINATOR SPECIAL PROGRAMS	7	GRADE GS13
10	(21)	A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
11	(22)	G012C ADE ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR	8	GRADE GS12
12	(23)	G006C ADE SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION MGR	1	GRADE GS12
13	(24)	N145N DHS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CMS	1	GRADE GS12
14	(25)	E006N ADE COORD COMPUTER SCIENCE	1	GRADE GS11
15	(26)	E069C ADE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAID IN THE SCHOOLS	1	GRADE GS11
16	(27)	E006C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM MANAGER	11	GRADE GS11
17	(28)	E007C ADE OERZ DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS10
18	(29)	G075C ADE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	5	GRADE GS10
19	(30)	E016C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM COORDINATOR	19	GRADE GS10
20	(31)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	8	GRADE GS09
21	(32)	G074C ADE COORD OF GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	1	GRADE GS09
22	(33)	A032C ADE FINANCE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS09
23	(34)	X012C ADE PLSB CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	2	GRADE GS09
24	(35)	A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
25	(36)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS09
26	(37)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	4	GRADE GS09
27	(38)	G109C GRANTS MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
28	(39)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
29	(40)	E019C PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISOR	93	GRADE GS09
30	(41)	E066C DCCECE EDUCATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
31	(42)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	3	GRADE GS08
32	(43)	E026C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
33	(44)	A047C FINANCIAL ANALYST II	1	GRADE GS08
34	(45)	L043C HEALTH PROGRAM SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS08
35	(46)	L035C NUTRITIONIST CONSULTANT	9	GRADE GS08
36	(47)	G093C OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08

1	(48) R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
2	(49) A041C PROGRAM FISCAL MANAGER	6	GRADE GS08
3	(50) G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	9	GRADE GS07
4	(51) G267C DHS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY ANALYST	1	GRADE GS07
5	(52) M042C DHS STAFF SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
6	(53) G182C DHS/DDS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
7	(54) E048C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS07
8	(55) C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS07
9	(56) M025C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR I	1	GRADE GS07
10	(57) A063C RESEARCH & STATISTICS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
11	(58) E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
12	(59) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	11	GRADE GS06
13	(60) M053C CHILD CARE SERVICE SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS06
14	(61) A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS06
15	(62) G180C GRANTS ANALYST	3	GRADE GS06
16	(63) R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
17	(64) G179C LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
18	(65) G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
19	(66) X094C SERVICES & PROGRAM LICENSING SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS06
20	(67) V014C BUYER	1	GRADE GS05
21	(68) A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE GS05
22	(69) C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	7	GRADE GS05
23	(70) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	28	GRADE GS04
24	(71) S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS04
25	(72) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>17</u>	GRADE GS03
26	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	335	

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28 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,
 29 for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary
 30 Education - State Operations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
 31 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 32 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: eight (8)
 33 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 34 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 35 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$13,832,717
(02) EXTRA HELP	160,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,877,933
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,411,057
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	60,000
(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,466,707</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL GRANTS ADMINISTRATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Federal Grants Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$254,677
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	88,477
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	49,970
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	19,672
(C) PROF. FEES	260,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$672,796</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - BUILDING MAINTENANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Educational Buildings Maintenance Fund, for operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Building Maintenance 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	\$500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - REVOLVING LOAN CERTIFICATES PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Education Revolving Loan Certificates Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and loans to school districts by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Revolving Loan Certificates Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$54,790
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	20,856
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	27,500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(04) LOANS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS	13,000,000
2	(05) LOANS TO OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC	
3	CHARTER SCHOOLS	<u>10,000,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$23,115,646</u>

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6 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM. There is hereby

7 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal

8 funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal

9 services, operating expenses, aid and reimbursements of the Department of

10 Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Child Nutrition

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

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,102,049
16	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	418,594
17	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,172,100
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
20	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(04) SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE/NUTRITION ED	425,099,000
24	(05) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>450,000</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$428,401,743</u>

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27 SECTION 11. EXTRA HELP - FEDERAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

28 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of

29 Elementary and Secondary Education - Federal Elementary and Secondary

30 Education for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of

31 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from

32 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: four (4) 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 12. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, aid and reimbursements of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Federal Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,280,286
(02) EXTRA HELP	60,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,607,708
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	91,242,005
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
(C) PROF. FEES	1,500,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) ENTITLEMENT GRANT PROGRAMS	1,181,835,058
(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>1,110,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,281,935,057</u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - MULTIPLE GRANT AWARD PROGRAM. 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 operating expenses and grants by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Multiple Grant Award Program 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	\$422,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	16,500
(C) PROF. FEES	40,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(02) MULTIPLE GRANT AWARDS	<u>1,900,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,478,500</u></u>

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6 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM. There is

7 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the

8 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal

9 Officer of the State, for Medicaid reimbursement and administration of the

10 Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education -

11 Medicaid Reimbursement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

12 following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	\$13,659,017
17	(02) MEDICAID ADMIN	<u>10,500</u>
18	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$13,669,517</u></u>

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20 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM. There

21 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from

22 the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief

23 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and grants by the

24 Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education -

25 Alternative Certification Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,

26 the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
30	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$27,367
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,500
33	(C) PROF. FEES	35,420
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	(02) ALT. CERT. PROG. GRANTS AND AID	<u>827,925</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$899,212

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3 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - CONFERENCES. There is hereby appropriated,
4 to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in
5 the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
6 for operating expenses of conferences sponsored by the Department of
7 Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Conferences for
8 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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10 ITEM FISCAL YEAR
11 NO. 2025-2026
12 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE \$400,000
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL 25,000
15 (C) PROF. FEES 50,000
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY 0
17 (E) DATA PROC. 0
18 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$475,000

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20 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAID ADMINISTRATION CLAIMING PROGRAM.
21 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
22 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
23 Fiscal Officer of the State, for reimbursement of school districts for
24 administrative activities that support the Arkansas Medicaid Program of the
25 Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education -
26 Medicaid Administration Claiming Program for the fiscal year ending June 30,
27 2026, the following:

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29 ITEM FISCAL YEAR
30 NO. 2025-2026
31 (01) AR MEDICAID ADMIN CLAIMS \$45,000,000

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33 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM -
34 ADMINISTRATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
35 Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary
36 Education Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the

Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education -
Arkansas Better Chance Program - Administration for the fiscal year ending
June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$611,206
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	231,426
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,245,291
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,917
(C) PROF. FEES	297,610
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,389,450</u>

SECTION 19. REGULAR SALARIES - PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD.
There is hereby established for the Department of Education - Division of
Elementary and Secondary Education - Professional Licensure Standards Board
for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular
employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	No. of	Salary Rate
No.	Code	Title	Fiscal Year
No.	Code	Title	2025-2026
(1)	G004C	MANAGING ATTORNEY	1 GRADE GS13
(2)	A038C	FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1 GRADE GS09
(3)	X202C	ADE PLSB SENIOR INVESTIGATOR	1 GRADE GS08
(4)	X037C	EDUCATION INVESTIGATOR	3 GRADE GS08
(5)	G093C	OPERATIONS MANAGER	1 GRADE GS08
(6)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2 GRADE GS06
(7)	G179C	LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1 GRADE GS06
(8)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>1</u> GRADE GS04
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	11

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE STANDARDS BOARD.

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 personal services, operating expenses, and grants by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Professional Licensure Standards Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$629,772
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	235,810
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	376,325
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
(C) PROF. FEES	9,505
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) EDTPA PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,411,412</u></u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - OPEN ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

CLOSURE. 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 outstanding obligations incurred by closed charter schools of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Open Enrollment Public Charter School Closure for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CHARTER SCHOOL CLOSURE	<u><u>\$300,000</u></u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - SAVE THE CHILDREN GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account, for a grant for statewide

in-school, summer, and after school literacy, nutrition, home visiting, and early childhood programs to be administered by Save the Children for low income, at-risk children by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Save the Children Grant for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) SAVE THE CHILDREN GRANTS	<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account, for School Safety Grants by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - School Safety Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS	<u>\$50,000,000</u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Fund, for Educational Freedom Accounts by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Educational Freedom Accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNTS	<u>\$277,487,318</u>

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - ASTHMA TRAINING AND TREATMENT PROGRAM GRANTS. 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 grants for expenses related to providing

1 *asthma treatment in local school districts, asthma treatment equipment for*
 2 *school districts, school personnel training, and monitoring and tracking of*
 3 *asthma cases in local public school districts by the Department of Education*
 4 *- Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for the fiscal year ending*
 5 *June 30, 2026, the following:*

7 <i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
8 <u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>2025-2026</i></u>
9 <i>(01) ASTHMA TRAINING AND TREATMENT PROGRAM GRANTS</i>	<u><u><i>\$1,000,000</i></u></u>

11 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

13 CARRY FORWARD. Notwithstanding any law pertaining to the transfer of year-end
 14 fund balances or any law to the contrary, any funds which remain in the
 15 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account at the end of a
 16 fiscal year shall remain in the Division of Elementary and Secondary
 17 Education Fund Account and be made available to fund appropriation(s)
 18 authorized by law and made payable from the Division of Elementary and
 19 Secondary Education Fund Account for the following fiscal year.

20 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized
 21 herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

22 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 the Agency shall by written statement
 23 set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
 24 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

25 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
 26 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee all
 27 amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or
 28 Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the
 29 Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding
 30 carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that
 31 appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

32 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a
 33 written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
 34 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
 35 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
 36 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)

1 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
2 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
3 Committee; and

4 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall
5 include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals
6 and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or
7 Institution.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
9 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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11 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW. SCHOOL
13 SAFETY SET-ASIDE.

14 (a) (1) The Department of Education shall not begin the process of
15 promulgating rules for the distribution of funds in the School Safety Set-
16 Aside or Contingency Vote 3/5 Set-Aside until authorized by Legislative
17 Council.

18 (2) The department shall not disburse any funds in the School Safety
19 Set-Aside or Contingency Vote 3/5 Set-Aside until the rules have been
20 approved by Legislative Council.

21 (b) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the Chief Fiscal Officer of
22 the State may from time to time transfer on his or her books and those of the
23 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State funds from the Restricted Reserve
24 Fund School Safety Set-Aside or Contingency Vote 3/5 Set-Aside after
25 receiving prior approval of the greater of three-fifths (3/5) of the quorum
26 present or a majority of the membership of the Legislative Council or, if the
27 General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, for the
28 Department of Education to distribute funds for the School Safety Grant
29 program, as approved in this section as set out in subsection (a) herein, or
30 for the distribution of funds from this set-aside for unanticipated state
31 needs.

32 (c)(1) The General Assembly finds:

33 (A) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and funding for a
34 state agency or institution each fiscal year is the prerogative of the
35 General Assembly;

36 (B) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and funding for a

1 state agency or institution is usually accomplished by delineating the
2 maximum amounts in the appropriation acts for the state agency or institution
3 and in the general revenue allocations authorized for each relevant fund and
4 fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et
5 seq.; and

6 (C) The Restricted Reserve Fund has established procedures for the
7 transfer of funds to various funds and fund accounts for the efficient and
8 effective operation of state government.

9 (2)(A) It is necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
10 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or,
11 if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, as
12 provided in § 19-5-1263(c).

13 (B) The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or, if the
14 General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, is not a
15 severable part of § 19-5-1263.

16 (C) If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or, if
17 the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, is ruled
18 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, § 19-5-1263(c)-(e) are
19 void in their entirety.

20 (d) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
21 ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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23 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
25 ESTABLISHMENT OF A "POSITION POOL". (a) To address needs emerging from
26 statewide education issues and the necessity of recruiting and retaining
27 qualified personnel, the Arkansas Department of Education or its successor
28 agency is authorized for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year a pool of no
29 more than five (5) Information Technology positions at a salary not to exceed
30 the maximum salary for a grade IT12. These positions are to be used by the
31 Department of Education in the event that the personal services needs of the
32 Department during the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year require additional
33 positions, either by title or in number, that are not authorized by the
34 General Assembly in the Regular Salaries section of this Act. These positions
35 may also be used to properly classify positions when the Department does not
36 have a vacant position available with the appropriate title and salary level.

1 (b) To address needs emerging from statewide education issues and the
2 necessity of recruiting and retaining qualified personnel, the Arkansas
3 Department of Education or its successor agency is authorized for the ~~2024-~~
4 ~~2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year a pool of ten (10) General Salaries positions at
5 up to a grade GS15. These positions are to be used by the Department of
6 Education in the event that the personal services needs of the Department
7 during the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year require additional positions,
8 either by classification or in number, that are not authorized by the General
9 Assembly in the Regular Salaries section of this Act. These positions may
10 also be used to properly classify positions when the Department does not have
11 a vacant position available with the appropriate title and grade level.

12 (c) Any salary determinations or adjustments administered under the
13 provisions of Subsections (a) and (b) of this Section shall be made by
14 comparing the qualifications and salary levels of similar employees in school
15 districts or in other state education agencies.

16 (d) The Department of Education is authorized to access the pool
17 positions authorized in this Section at any time when it is determined by the
18 Secretary that the need exists. The Secretary shall provide a monthly report
19 of the justification for the need to allocate titles from this growth pool to
20 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and to the Arkansas Legislative Council
21 or Joint Budget Committee for review. The report shall also include an
22 accounting of the names, titles, and salaries of personnel whose salaries
23 have been adjusted under provisions of Subsections (a) and (b) of this
24 Section.

25 (e) If the Department of Education requests continuation of any
26 "Position Pool" position(s) as established herein during the next fiscal
27 year, the position(s) must be requested as a new position(s) in the agency's
28 budget request.

29 (f) Determining the number of personnel to be employed by a state agency
30 is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by
31 delineating the maximum number of personnel by identifying job titles and the
32 maximum grade or salary attached to those titles. The General Assembly has
33 determined that the Arkansas Department of Education could be operated more
34 efficiently if some flexibility is given to that agency. That flexibility is
35 being accomplished by providing a position pool in Subsections (a) and (b) of
36 this Section and since the General Assembly has granted the agency broad

1 powers under the growth pool concept, it is both necessary and appropriate
2 that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the
3 position pool by requiring review of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
4 Committee in the utilization of the position pool. Therefore, the requirement
5 of review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
6 severable part of this section. If the requirement of review by the
7 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
8 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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

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

14 SHARED SERVICES. (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may create a
15 Shared Services paying accounts on his or her books and on the books of the
16 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State for the payment of personal
17 services and operating expenses in the Shared Services Paying Account
18 Appropriation by the Department of Education.

19 (2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall direct the transfer
20 of funds and appropriations to the Shared Services Paying Account
21 appropriation section of this act on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
22 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

23 (3) The transfer authority provided to the department in
24 subdivision (a)(2) of this section may be used to make transfers only within
25 the department's appropriation act or between other appropriation acts
26 authorized for the department.

27 (4) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from the
28 date of passage through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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30 SECTION 30. 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 31. 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 32. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

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25 /s/Joint Budget Committee

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