

Hall of the House of Representatives
95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill 1005

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027
FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1005

Amend House Bill 1005 as originally introduced:

Page 13, line 33, delete "GRANT." and substitute "GRANT - STATE MATCHING."

AND

Page 13, line 35, delete "a" and substitute "a state matching"

AND

Page 14, line 3, delete "Grant" and substitute "Grant - State Matching"

AND

Page 14, line 8, delete "GRANTS" and substitute "GRANTS STATE MATCHING"

AND

Page 21, immediately following SECTION 31, insert the following:

" SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE
ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL, AND TEMPORARY LAW.
SAVE THE CHILDREN GRANT – STATE MATCHING FUNDS.

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(a) The funds appropriated in this act for the payment of state matching grants to Save the Children shall be paid on a one-to-one, state-to-private-donation matching basis.

(b) Upon certification by the Department of Education, a private cash donation received by Save the Children for the purpose of funding Save the Children programs for children and families in Arkansas is eligible for the payment of a one-to-one, state-to-private-donation match under subsection (a) of this section.

(c)(1)(A) Beginning July 1, 2026, and throughout the fiscal year, Save the Children may submit documentation authenticating the amount of any private cash donations for Save the Children programs in Arkansas to the Secretary of the Department of Education.

(B) The department shall specify the documentation required to submit a request for a payment by Save the Children under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section.

(2) The payments under subsection (a) of this section shall not be disbursed by the department until the amount of private cash donations is certified by the department under subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

(d) Within sixty (60) days of receiving the documentation of private cash donations from Save the Children under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the department shall expend the corresponding state matching funds for any certified Save the Children private cash donations up to the amount appropriated in this act for the Save the Children Grant – State Matching.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Walker
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Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1005

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

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
18 YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SHARED SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Department of Education - Shared Services for the 2026-
25 2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
31	(1) ESE05A	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION	1	GRADE EXE04
32	(2) EEX10A	CHIEF OF STAFF II	1	GRADE EXE02
33	(3) FAC09C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER II	1	GRADE SPC10
34	(4) LAT08C	CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL I	1	GRADE SPC10
35	(5) EEA03C	HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE SPC09
36	(6) EEA01C	EDUCATION DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SPC08



1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 2 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 3 Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, and
 4 grants of the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary
 5 Education - Professional Licensure Standards Board for the fiscal year ending
 6 June 30, 2027, the following:

8 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
9 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
10 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$629,772
11 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	235,810
12 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
13 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	376,325
14 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
15 (C) PROF. FEES	9,505
16 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
17 (E) DATA PROC.	0
18 (04) EDTPA PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>100,000</u>
19 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,411,412</u></u>

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 21 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - OPEN ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
 22 CLOSURE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be
 23 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 24 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for outstanding obligations incurred
 25 by closed charter schools of the Department of Education - Division of
 26 Elementary and Secondary Education - Open Enrollment Public Charter School
 27 Closure for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31 (01) CHARTER SCHOOL CLOSURE	<u><u>\$300,000</u></u>

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 33 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - SAVE THE CHILDREN GRANT. There is hereby
 34 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division
 35 of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account, for a grant for statewide
 36 in-school, summer, and after school literacy, nutrition, home visiting, and

1 early childhood programs to be administered by Save the Children for low
 2 income, at-risk children by the Department of Education - Division of
 3 Elementary and Secondary Education - Save the Children Grant for the fiscal
 4 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
8 (01) SAVE THE CHILDREN GRANTS	<u>\$500,000</u>

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 10 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS. There is hereby
 11 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division
 12 of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account, for School Safety Grants
 13 by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary
 14 Education - School Safety Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 15 the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19 (01) SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS	<u>\$50,000,000</u>

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 21 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNTS. There is
 22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 23 Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Fund, for Educational Freedom
 24 Accounts by the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and
 25 Secondary Education - Educational Freedom Accounts for the fiscal year ending
 26 June 30, 2027, the following:

28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30 (01) EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNTS	<u>\$277,487,318</u>

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 32 SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - ASTHMA TRAINING AND TREATMENT PROGRAM
 33 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be
 34 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
 35 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants for expenses related to
 36 providing asthma treatment in local school districts, asthma treatment

1 (7) Must be a qualified 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization that has been
2 in operation for more than 5 years and has a record of fiscal accountability.
3 Organizations must also provide a sustainability model with a minimum of 50%
4 of funding derived from non-state resources.

5 (c) The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary
6 Education shall promulgate rules for the determination of eligibility and
7 administration of the Out-Of-School Time Program Grants.

8 (d) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025
9 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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11 SECTION 32. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
12 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
13 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
14 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
16 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
17 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
18 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
19 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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21 SECTION 33. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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30 SECTION 34. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
31 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
32 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
35 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
36 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm