

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 362

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5 By: Senator K. Hammer  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS TO YOUTH  
10 ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
11 DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR  
12 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
18 DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
19 EDUCATION YOUTH ORGANIZATION GRANTS  
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
21 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. APPROPRIATION - YOUTH ORGANIZATION GRANTS. There is hereby  
26 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the  
27 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants to youth organizations by the  
28 Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education for  
29 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:  
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) YOUTH ORGANIZATION GRANTS	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

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



1 ORGANIZATION GRANT REQUIREMENTS. (a) Grants authorized in this act shall be  
2 granted to youth organizations that are not affiliated in any capacity with  
3 local or national organizations that promote, require to be affiliated, or  
4 have the presence of DEI requirements, identification by pronouns, or  
5 presence of woke ideologies.

6 (b) Grants authorized in this act shall be provided to youth organizations  
7 that align with the educational goals of the Governor and General Assembly.

8 (c) Eligible youth organizations shall promote the fundamental values of a  
9 healthy home environment and engage youth to become role models in their  
10 homes, hometowns, schools, state, nation and the world.

11 (d) The Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary  
12 Education shall promulgate rules for the determination of eligible entities,  
13 the disbursement of funds, and the ongoing administration of this program in  
14 accordance with the requirements of this section.

15 (e) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025  
16 through June 30, 2026.

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18 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
19 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
21 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
24 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
25 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
26 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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28 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
29 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
30 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
31 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
32 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
33 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
34 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
35 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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1           SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
2 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
3 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
4 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
5 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
6 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
7 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
8 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
9 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
10 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
11 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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