

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

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 75

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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 - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND  
12 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
13 ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
18 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND  
19 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF  
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
21 YEAR.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is  
27 hereby established for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the  
28 Blind for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular  
29 employees.  
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| Item No. | Class Code | Title                       | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026 |
|----------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 35       | (1) U030U  | BLIND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT | 1                        | GRADE SE01                                       |
| 36       | (2) L038C  | REGISTERED NURSE            | 1                        | GRADE MP01                                       |



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| 1  | (3)  | L042C SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST             | 1        | GRADE MP01 |
| 2  | (4)  | E004C SCHOOL PRINCIPAL                      | 2        | GRADE GS11 |
| 3  | (5)  | L040C DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR             | 1        | GRADE GS09 |
| 4  | (6)  | E024C TEACHER SUPERVISOR                    | 2        | GRADE GS09 |
| 5  | (7)  | E035C CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER             | 33       | GRADE GS08 |
| 6  | (8)  | C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR   | 1        | GRADE GS07 |
| 7  | (9)  | C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST                | 2        | GRADE GS06 |
| 8  | (10) | S009C ASD/ASB TRANSPORTATION SERVICES COORD | 1        | GRADE GS06 |
| 9  | (11) | E044C CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER           | 2        | GRADE GS06 |
| 10 | (12) | L069C LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE              | 2        | GRADE GS06 |
| 11 | (13) | M064C RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES SUPERVISOR     | 1        | GRADE GS05 |
| 12 | (14) | S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN                     | 2        | GRADE GS05 |
| 13 | (15) | C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III         | 2        | GRADE GS04 |
| 14 | (16) | S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR                  | 1        | GRADE GS04 |
| 15 | (17) | S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN                | 2        | GRADE GS04 |
| 16 | (18) | C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II          | 2        | GRADE GS03 |
| 17 | (19) | C058C EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL            | 12       | GRADE GS03 |
| 18 | (20) | S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR           | 1        | GRADE GS03 |
| 19 | (21) | V027C INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN          | 1        | GRADE GS03 |
| 20 | (22) | M074C RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR                   | 9        | GRADE GS03 |
| 21 | (23) | S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR          | 2        | GRADE GS02 |
| 22 | (24) | S086C COOK                                  | 6        | GRADE GS01 |
| 23 | (25) | S087C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT      | 4        | GRADE GS01 |
| 24 | (26) | S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT                 | <u>1</u> | GRADE GS01 |
| 25 |      | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES                       | 95       |            |

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27 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby  
 28 authorized, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind  
 29 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or  
 30 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 31 appropriated herein for such purposes: seventeen (17) temporary or part-time  
 32 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the  
 33 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act  
 34 for the appropriate classification.

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36 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE

1 BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
 2 payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for personal services and  
 3 operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the  
 4 Blind - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the  
 5 following:

| 7 ITEM                             | FISCAL YEAR               |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 8 <u>NO.</u>                       | <u>2025-2026</u>          |
| 9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES            | \$4,299,941               |
| 10 (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 25,000                    |
| 11 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 1,690,455                 |
| 12 (04) OVERTIME                   | 10,000                    |
| 13 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                           |
| 14 (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 1,419,747                 |
| 15 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 21,329                    |
| 16 (C) PROF. FEES                  | 96,308                    |
| 17 (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 50,000                    |
| 18 (E) DATA PROC.                  | 0                         |
| 19 (06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE        | 1,200,000                 |
| 20 (07) VOCATIONAL WORKSTUDY       | 10,000                    |
| 21 (08) SUMMER PROJECTS            | <u>25,000</u>             |
| 22 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u><u>\$8,847,780</u></u> |

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 24 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE  
 25 BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
 26 payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 27 the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of  
 28 Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Federal Operations for the fiscal  
 29 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

| 31 ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR      |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 32 <u>NO.</u>                      | <u>2025-2026</u> |
| 33 (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$72,405         |
| 34 (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 30,000           |
| 35 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 26,614           |
| 36 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                  |

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE         | 732,603                   |
| 2 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL        | 60,000                    |
| 3 | (C) PROF. FEES            | 164,171                   |
| 4 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY           | 85,000                    |
| 5 | (E) DATA PROC.            | <u>0</u>                  |
| 6 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$1,170,793</u></u> |

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8 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE

9 BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be

10 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for operating

11 expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind -

12 Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

| 14 | ITEM                         | FISCAL YEAR             |
|----|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 15 | <u>NO.</u>                   | <u>2025-2026</u>        |
| 16 | (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION |                         |
| 17 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE            | \$211,508               |
| 18 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL           | 23,000                  |
| 19 | (C) PROF. FEES               | 100,000                 |
| 20 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY              | 100,000                 |
| 21 | (E) DATA PROC.               | 0                       |
| 22 | (02) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE     | <u>125,000</u>          |
| 23 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED    | <u><u>\$559,508</u></u> |

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25 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS - ARKANSAS

26 SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of

27 Education, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for

28 purchasing, copying, and shipping braille and large print textbooks for the

29 blind and visually impaired students attending public schools in Arkansas by

30 the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Braille and

31 Large Print Textbooks for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

32 following:

| 34 | ITEM                                   | FISCAL YEAR             |
|----|--|-------------------------|
| 35 | <u>NO.</u>                             | <u>2025-2026</u>        |
| 36 | (01) BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS | <u><u>\$223,024</u></u> |

SECTION 7. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is hereby established for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

| Item No. | Class Code | Title                               | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026 |
|----------|------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| (1)      | U029U      | DEAF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT          | 1                        | GRADE SE01                                       |
| (2)      | L027C      | REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR         | 1                        | GRADE MP02                                       |
| (3)      | L045C      | AUDIOLOGIST                         | 1                        | GRADE MP01                                       |
| (4)      | L038C      | REGISTERED NURSE                    | 1                        | GRADE MP01                                       |
| (5)      | L042C      | SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST           | 5                        | GRADE MP01                                       |
| (6)      | D063C      | COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST         | 1                        | GRADE IT05                                       |
| (7)      | D071C      | COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST            | 2                        | GRADE IT03                                       |
| (8)      | E004C      | SCHOOL PRINCIPAL                    | 1                        | GRADE GS11                                       |
| (9)      | E017C      | ASST PRINCIPAL                      | 1                        | GRADE GS10                                       |
| (10)     | E013C      | EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER           | 1                        | GRADE GS10                                       |
| (11)     | E036C      | CERTIFIED MASTERS DEGREE LIBRARIAN  | 1                        | GRADE GS09                                       |
| (12)     | L040C      | DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR           | 1                        | GRADE GS09                                       |
| (13)     | E022C      | EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION MANAGER     | 1                        | GRADE GS09                                       |
| (14)     | E025C      | EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST              | 2                        | GRADE GS09                                       |
| (15)     | E015C      | SPECIAL EDUCATION SUPERVISOR        | 1                        | GRADE GS09                                       |
| (16)     | E035C      | CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER           | 34                       | GRADE GS08                                       |
| (17)     | M088C      | LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER       | 1                        | GRADE GS08                                       |
| (18)     | M020C      | LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR     | 1                        | GRADE GS08                                       |
| (19)     | E029C      | SIGN LANGUAGE COORDINATOR           | 1                        | GRADE GS08                                       |
| (20)     | E032C      | EDUCATION COUNSELOR                 | 2                        | GRADE GS07                                       |
| (21)     | C010C      | EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR | 1                        | GRADE GS07                                       |
| (22)     | G147C      | GRANTS COORDINATOR                  | 1                        | GRADE GS07                                       |
| (23)     | M024C      | RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGER        | 1                        | GRADE GS07                                       |
| (24)     | L069C      | LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE            | 2                        | GRADE GS06                                       |
| (25)     | M064C      | RESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES SUPERVISOR   | 3                        | GRADE GS05                                       |
| (26)     | S031C      | SKILLED TRADESMAN                   | 2                        | GRADE GS05                                       |

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|----|------|---|----------|------------|
| 1  | (27) | S038C TRANSIT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR     | 1        | GRADE GS05 |
| 2  | (28) | V018C WAREHOUSE MANAGER                 | 1        | GRADE GS05 |
| 3  | (29) | C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III     | 1        | GRADE GS04 |
| 4  | (30) | L078C FAMILY SERVICES ASSISTANT         | 1        | GRADE GS04 |
| 5  | (31) | A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST         | 1        | GRADE GS04 |
| 6  | (32) | S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR              | 1        | GRADE GS04 |
| 7  | (33) | S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN            | 3        | GRADE GS04 |
| 8  | (34) | C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II      | 5        | GRADE GS03 |
| 9  | (35) | L082C CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT       | 1        | GRADE GS03 |
| 10 | (36) | C058C EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL        | 19       | GRADE GS03 |
| 11 | (37) | S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR       | 1        | GRADE GS03 |
| 12 | (38) | C053C MEDICAL RECORDS TECHNICIAN        | 1        | GRADE GS03 |
| 13 | (39) | M074C RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR               | 21       | GRADE GS03 |
| 14 | (40) | S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR      | 2        | GRADE GS02 |
| 15 | (41) | S084C INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR | 1        | GRADE GS02 |
| 16 | (42) | S086C COOK                              | 7        | GRADE GS01 |
| 17 | (43) | S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT             | <u>3</u> | GRADE GS01 |
| 18 |      | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES                   | 140      |            |

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20 SECTION 8. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF. There is hereby

21 authorized, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf

22 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or

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

24 appropriated herein for such purposes: fifty-five (55) temporary or part-time

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

26 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act

27 for the appropriate classification.

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29 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE

30 DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be

31 payable from the School for the Deaf Fund Account, for personal services and

32 operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the

33 Deaf - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

34 following:

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36 ITEM FISCAL YEAR

| 1  | NO.                             | 2025-2026           |
|----|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2  | (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$6,732,040         |
| 3  | (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 95,000              |
| 4  | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 2,631,059           |
| 5  | (04) OVERTIME                   | 25,000              |
| 6  | (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                     |
| 7  | (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 1,752,763           |
| 8  | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 15,000              |
| 9  | (C) PROF. FEES                  | 15,000              |
| 10 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 50,000              |
| 11 | (E) DATA PROC.                  | 0                   |
| 12 | (06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE        | 1,519,627           |
| 13 | (07) VOCATIONAL WORKSTUDY       | 10,000              |
| 14 | (08) MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES   | <u>20,000</u>       |
| 15 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u>\$12,865,489</u> |

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17 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR

18 THE DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to

19 be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer

20 of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department

21 of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf - Federal Operations for the

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

| 24 | ITEM                            | FISCAL YEAR        |
|----|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 25 | NO.                             | 2025-2026          |
| 26 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES           | \$55,000           |
| 27 | (02) EXTRA HELP                 | 39,000             |
| 28 | (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 28,832             |
| 29 | (04) OVERTIME                   | 8,393              |
| 30 | (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION    |                    |
| 31 | (A) OPER. EXPENSE               | 627,417            |
| 32 | (B) CONF. & TRAVEL              | 60,000             |
| 33 | (C) PROF. FEES                  | 245,000            |
| 34 | (D) CAP. OUTLAY                 | 90,000             |
| 35 | (E) DATA PROC.                  | <u>0</u>           |
| 36 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED       | <u>\$1,153,642</u> |

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 2 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE  
 3 DEAF. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be  
 4 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for operating  
 5 expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf - Cash  
 6 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

| 8 ITEM                          | FISCAL YEAR             |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9 <u>NO.</u>                    | <u>2025-2026</u>        |
| 10 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION |                         |
| 11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE            | \$228,136               |
| 12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL           | 25,000                  |
| 13 (C) PROF. FEES               | 26,864                  |
| 14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY              | 45,000                  |
| 15 (E) DATA PROC.               | 0                       |
| 16 (02) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE     | <u>50,000</u>           |
| 17 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED    | <u><u>\$375,000</u></u> |

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

21 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the  
 22 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Blind shall  
 23 transfer appropriation from the Summer Projects line item, in the State  
 24 Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the Regular Salaries, Extra Help,  
 25 Personal Services Matching, Overtime and Maintenance & General Operations  
 26 line items in the State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to compensate  
 27 staff who work during the summer months on summer projects, and to cover  
 28 other expenses of summer project activities. The Summer Projects line item  
 29 may also be used for the annual cost related to the compensation of eligible  
 30 staff for shift differential pay as well as compensation of employees for  
 31 performance of duties assigned as referenced in the Special Allowance Special  
 32 Language Section of this Act. Such additional compensation shall not be  
 33 construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
 35 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ADE - ASB/ASD - SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. ~~Employees who, in addition to working during the regular school term, also work during summer months shall be authorized as additional compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their annual salary for each month or part thereof worked. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees. Payment of additional compensation shall be limited to employees in the following classifications:~~

| <del>CLASS CODE</del> | <del>SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS</del>                 | <del>GRADE</del> |
|-----------------------|--|------------------|
| <del>E044G</del>      | <del>Certified Bachelor's Teacher</del>            | <del>GS06</del>  |
| <del>M026G</del>      | <del>Licensed Social Worker</del>                  | <del>GS07</del>  |
| <del>M020G</del>      | <del>Licensed Professional Counselor</del>         | <del>GS08</del>  |
| <del>E035G</del>      | <del>Certified Masters Teacher</del>               | <del>GS08</del>  |
| <del>M088G</del>      | <del>Licensed Master Social Worker</del>           | <del>GS08</del>  |
| <del>E024G</del>      | <del>Teacher Supervisor</del>                      | <del>GS09</del>  |
| <del>E025G</del>      | <del>Educational Specialist</del>                  | <del>GS09</del>  |
| <del>E017G</del>      | <del>Assistant Principal</del>                     | <del>GS10</del>  |
| <del>_____E026G</del> | <del>Education &amp; Instruction Coordinator</del> | <del>GS08</del>  |
| <del>_____E015G</del> | <del>Special Education Supervisor</del>            | <del>GS09</del>  |

Exempt employees who require job responsibilities less than 2080 hours may work during summer months with approval from school Superintendent. Said employees shall be authorized as additional compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their annual salary for each month or part thereof worked. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

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

SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS - ASB.

(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the School for the Blind Fund Account on June 30, 2024 2025 into a sub-fund created within the

1 School for the Blind Fund Account to be used for special maintenance,  
2 renovations, or future construction projects of the Department of Education -  
3 Arkansas School for the Blind.

4 (b) Any carry forward of the unexpended balance of funding as  
5 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

6 (1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and  
7 Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried  
8 forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint  
9 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency,  
10 board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward,  
11 the program name or line item and the funding source; and

12 (2) The Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind  
13 shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
14 Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this  
15 section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department  
16 presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
17 Committee, or both; and

18 (3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall  
19 include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the  
20 budget manuals.

21 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
22 ~~2024-2025~~ through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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24 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

26 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the  
27 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Deaf shall  
28 transfer appropriation from the Miscellaneous Activities line item in the  
29 State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the Regular Salaries, Extra  
30 Help, Personal Service Matching, Overtime, and Maintenance and General  
31 Operations line items also in the State Operations Appropriation, to  
32 compensate staff who work during the summer months on summer projects and to  
33 cover other expenses of summer project activities. The Miscellaneous  
34 Activities line item may also be used for the annual cost related to the  
35 payment of contracted interpreter services, compensation of eligible staff  
36 for shift differential pay, and compensation of employees for performance of

1 duties assigned as referenced in the Special Allowance Special Language of  
2 this Act. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding  
3 the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
5 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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7 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
9 CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS - ASD.

10 (a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be  
11 transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor  
12 of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the School for the  
13 Deaf Fund Account on June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025 into a sub-fund created within the  
14 School for the Deaf Fund Account to be used for special maintenance,  
15 renovations, or future construction projects of the Department of Education -  
16 Arkansas School for the Deaf.

17 (b) Any carry forward of the unexpended balance of funding as  
18 authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

19 (1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and  
20 Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried  
21 forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint  
22 Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency,  
23 board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward,  
24 the program name or line item and the funding source; and

25 (2) The Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf  
26 shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
27 Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this  
28 section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department  
29 presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
30 Committee, or both; and

31 (3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall  
32 include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the  
33 budget manuals.

34 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
35 ~~2024-2025~~ through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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1           SECTION 17. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
2 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
3 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
4 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
7 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
8 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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11           SECTION 18. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
12 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
13 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
14 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
15 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
16 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
17 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
18 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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20           SECTION 19. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
21 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
22 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
25 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
26 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
27 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
28 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
29 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
30 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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