

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1054

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 EDUCATION - DIVISION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL
12 EDUCATION AND FOR GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL
13 DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
14 ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
18 DIVISION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL
19 EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-
20 2027 FISCAL 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. There is hereby established for the
27 Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education for the
28 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2026-2027
34	(1) EEA01C EDUCATION DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC08
35	(2) EES03P EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL SUPV/EXP	1	GRADE SPC06
36	(3) EES02P EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL II	1	GRADE SPC04



1	(4) FAU04P AUDITOR II	1	GRADE SPC02
2	(5) EES01P EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL I	27	GRADE SPC02
3	(6) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
4	(7) TIW04P INVENTORY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS05
5	(8) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS04
6	(9) FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
7	(10) HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
8	(11) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	5	GRADE SGS02
9	(12) EEP03P EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
10	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	44	

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 12 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDUCATION. There is
 13 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 14 Division of Career and Technical Education Fund Account, for personal
 15 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of
 16 Career and Technical Education - Vocational & Technical Education for the
 17 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,751,293
22	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	610,507
23	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	617,825
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,446
26	(C) PROF. FEES	0
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
28	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,995,071</u>

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 31 SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - FEDERAL VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDUCATION.
 32 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of
 33 Career and Technical Education - Federal Vocational & Technical Education for
 34 the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 35 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 36 appropriated herein for such purposes: four (4) temporary or part-time

1 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 2 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 3 for the appropriate classification.

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5 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

6 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 7 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 8 State, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants by the
 9 Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education -
 10 Federal Vocational & Technical Education for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 11 2027, the following:

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13 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
15 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$662,907
16 (02) EXTRA HELP	13,923
17 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	270,754
18 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,066,755
20 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	55,000
21 (C) PROF. FEES	100,000
22 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23 (E) DATA PROC.	0
24 (05) VOCATIONAL EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>16,740,680</u>
25 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$18,910,019</u>

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27 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COORDINATED CAREER EDUCATION SERVICES.

28 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 29 from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund
 30 Account, for operating expenses and Coordinated Career Education Services -
 31 Special Needs Students Program grants and aid of the Department of Education
 32 - Division of Career and Technical Education - Coordinated Career Education
 33 Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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35 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

1	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$0
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	56,000
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(02) COORDINATED CAREER EDUCATION	
8	SERVICES-SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS	
9	PROGRAM GRANTS & AID	<u>1,063,433</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,119,433</u></u>

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12 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - VOCATIONAL CENTER AID. There is hereby

13 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division

14 of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for Vocational

15 Center Grants and Aid by the Department of Education - Division of Career and

16 Technical Education - Vocational Center Aid for the fiscal year ending June

17 30, 2027, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21	(01) VOCATIONAL CENTER GRANTS AND AID	<u><u>\$23,240,092</u></u>

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23 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VOCATIONAL START-UP GRANTS AND AID. There

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

25 the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account,

26 for Vocational Start-Up Grants and Aid of the Department of Education -

27 Division of Career and Technical Education - Vocational Start-Up Grants and

28 Aid for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32	(01) VOCATIONAL START-UP GRANTS AND AID	<u><u>\$4,740,000</u></u>

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34 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CAREER COACHES PROGRAM. There is hereby

35 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division

36 of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for operating

1 expenses, Career Coaches grants and aid, and expenses by the Department of
 2 Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Career Coaches
 3 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
7 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$7,000
9 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,000
10 (C) PROF. FEES	0
11 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
12 (E) DATA PROC.	0
13 (02) CAREER COACHES GRANTS AND AID	2,263,997
14 (03) CAREER COACHES EXPENSES	<u>2,947,542</u>
15 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,226,539</u></u>

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 17 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - MULTIPLE GRANT AWARD PROGRAMS. There is
 18 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 19 cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
 20 Officer of the State, for expenses and grants of the Department of Education
 21 - Division of Career and Technical Education - Multiple Grant Award Programs
 22 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

24 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
26 (01) MULT GRANT AWARD	<u><u>\$900,000</u></u>

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 28 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CTE TEACHERS.
 29 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 30 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
 31 Fiscal Officer of the State, for professional development costs for Career
 32 and Technical Education teachers of the Department of Education - Division of
 33 Career and Technical Education - Professional Development for CTE Teachers
 34 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

36 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	NO.	2026-2027
2	(01) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<u>\$260,000</u>

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

6 FEDERAL MATCHING. The funds appropriated in Sections for Coordinated Career
7 Education Services, Vocational Center Aid and Vocational Start-up Grants and
8 Aid of this Act may also be used to match any available federal funds from
9 any agency in order to provide the maximum amount of money possible for the
10 purposes enumerated in such Section.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
12 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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14 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
15 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
16 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
17 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
20 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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33 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
34 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
35 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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