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2 95th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1059

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 - DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
12 FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
13 ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
18 DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
19 FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
27 for the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic
28 Facilities and Transportation for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following
29 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
35	(1) EEA01C	EDUCATION DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC08
36	(2) EES03P	EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL SUPV/EXP	1	GRADE SPC06



1	(3) EES01P EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL I	4	GRADE SPC02
2	(4) EEP03P EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	13	GRADE SGS07
3	(5) FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
4	(6) TAT10I SCHOOL BUS TRAINER	3	GRADE SGS05
5	(7) PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
6	(8) PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
7	(9) IIN01P INSPECTOR I	6	GRADE SGS04
8	(10) PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS02
9	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	32	

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11 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 12 the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities
 13 and Transportation for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum
 14 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 15 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary
 16 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 17 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 18 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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20 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 21 to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Public
 22 School Academic Facilities and Transportation Fund Account, for personal
 23 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of
 24 Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation - Operations for the
 25 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,826,766
30	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,500
31	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	684,955
32	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	319,311
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	24,650
35	(C) PROF. FEES	0
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(05) SAFETY TRAINING	<u>207,500</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,065,682</u>

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5 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - PROGRAMS OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL
6 ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
7 Department of Education, to be payable from the Educational Facilities
8 Partnership Fund Account, for grants and aid and special programs providing
9 academic school facility and transportation assistance to the public school
10 districts of the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic
11 Facilities and Transportation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
12 following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
16	(01) ACADEMIC FACILITIES PARTNERSHIP	\$211,828,951
17	(02) ACADEMIC EQUIPMENT	0
18	(03) ACADEMIC FACILITIES CATASTROPHIC	3,511,538
19	(04) ACADEMIC FACILITIES EXTRAORDINARY	
20	CIRCUMSTANCES PROGRAM	0
21	(05) ACADEMIC FACILITIES HIGH GROWTH	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$215,340,489</u>

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24 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
25 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
26 AUTHORITY - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM.
27 The Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities
28 and Transportation is authorized to transfer any funds that are made
29 available for the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan
30 Program, including funds from the Development and Enhancement Fund or its
31 successor fund or fund accounts, to the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School
32 Facilities Loan Fund.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
34 2026 through June 30 ~~2026~~ 2027.

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36 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
2 AUTHORITY. The Director of the Department of Education – Division of Public
3 School Academic Facilities and Transportation, with the approval of the Chief
4 Fiscal Officer of the State and after approval by the Arkansas Legislative
5 Council or Joint Budget Committee, is hereby authorized to request necessary
6 appropriation transfers and any other budget related adjustments necessary
7 only for the appropriations authorized in this Act. Furthermore, it is the
8 intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Education - Division of
9 Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation be able to make use of
10 additional contractual services as necessary and that transfers between line
11 items and among appropriations are anticipated to accomplish those
12 purposes. Provided, however, that the Department of Education - Division of
13 Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall be limited to
14 submitting no more than two transfer requests during any fiscal year.

15 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
16 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
17 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
18 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
19 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
20 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
21 has determined that the Department of Education – Division of Public School
22 Academic Facilities and Transportation may operate more efficiently if some
23 flexibility is provided to the Director of the Department of Education –
24 Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation authorizing
25 broad powers under the Transfer Authority provision herein. Therefore, it is
26 both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight
27 by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
28 Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the
29 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this
30 section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint
31 Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent
32 jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

33 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
34 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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36 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

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

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10 SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
11 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
12 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
13 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
14 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
15 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
16 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
17 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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19 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
20 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
21 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
22 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
23 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
24 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
25 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
26 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
27 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
28 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
29 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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