

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

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1085

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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 REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL  
10 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
17 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND  
18 REAPPROPRIATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - ADE - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND  
24 BLIND - DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
25 Department of Education, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement  
26 Fund, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf and  
27 Blind the following:

28 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided  
29 in Item (A) of Section 1 and Item (A) of Section 2 of Act 81 of 2025, for  
30 various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition,  
31 improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities at the  
32 Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind campus, in a sum not to  
33 exceed.....\$20,750,936.

34 (B) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided  
35 in Item (A) of Section 1 of Act 332 of 2025, for various maintenance,  
36 renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and



1 repair of real property and facilities, in a sum not to exceed...\$35,000,000.

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3 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - ADE - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND  
4 BLIND - NCRC GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
5 Education, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources  
6 Grant and Trust Fund, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for  
7 the Deaf and Blind the following:

8 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided  
9 in Section 24 of Act 297 of 2025, for the acquisition, management,  
10 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,  
11 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,118,000.

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13 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
14 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
15 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
16 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
17 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
18 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
19 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
20 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
21 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
22 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
23 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
24 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

25 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State  
26 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
27 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
28 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
29 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
30 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided  
31 otherwise by law.

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33 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
34 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
35 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
36 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

1 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
2 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
3 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
4 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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6 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
7 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
8 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
9 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of  
10 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
11 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
12 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm  
13 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
14 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
15 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
16 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.  
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