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A Bill

SENATE BILL 59

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 - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION FOR THE
12 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
17 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
19 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. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
26 Department of Education - Educational Television Division for the 2026-2027
27 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class	No.	Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
						Salary Rate Fiscal Year
						2026-2027
33	(1)	EEX03A	AR	PBS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
34	(2)	PPB01C	AR	PBS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC09
35	(3)	FAC08C		CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
36	(4)	EEP02C		EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC07



1	(5)	FAC10C CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06
2	(6)	PPB02C AR PBS DIVISION DIRECTOR	8	GRADE SPC05
3	(7)	CMA02C MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC05
4	(8)	HDH06C HR MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC04
5	(9)	FAC03P ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
6	(10)	FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE SPC01
7	(11)	EEP06P EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPV/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS10
8	(12)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
9	(13)	CME01P BROADCAST EDITOR	2	GRADE SGS07
10	(14)	EEP03P EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
11	(15)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
12	(16)	CME03P GRAPHIC ARTIST	2	GRADE SGS07
13	(17)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
14	(18)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
15	(19)	CME06P PRODUCER	17	GRADE SGS07
16	(20)	EEP05P EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	6	GRADE SGS06
17	(21)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS05
18	(22)	CME04P MEDIA SPECIALIST	11	GRADE SGS05
19	(23)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS04
20	(24)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
21	(25)	CMA03P MARKETING SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS04
22	(26)	CME05P MEDIA TECHNICIAN	11	GRADE SGS04
23	(27)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE SGS03
24	(28)	IIA06C IT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
25	(29)	IAS08I WEBSITE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST05
26	(30)	IIS09P IT INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IST04
27	(31)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	<u>2</u>	GRADE IST04
28		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	92	

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30 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 32 EXTRA HELP – STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the
 33 Department of Education - Educational Television Division – State Operations
 34 for the ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
 35 part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from
 36 funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) 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, for the
 3 appropriate classification. Many of these positions are related to specific
 4 projects, and those positions so related are specifically exempt from
 5 limitations of hours, either by act or regulation.

6 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
 7 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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 9 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 10 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 11 Educational Television Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 12 expenses of the Department of Education - Educational Television Division -
 13 State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:
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15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,029,233
18 (02) EXTRA HELP	11,959
19 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,461,745
20 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,631,949
22 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
23 (C) PROF. FEES	0
24 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
25 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,134,886</u></u>

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 28 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 30 EXTRA HELP – CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department
 31 of Education - Educational Television Division - Cash Operations for the
 32 ~~2025-2026~~ 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 33 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 34 appropriated herein for such purposes: forty-six (46) temporary or part-time
 35 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 36 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the

1 appropriate classification. Many of these positions are related to specific
2 projects, and those positions so related are specifically exempt from
3 limitations of hours, either by act or regulation.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
5 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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7 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby
8 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash
9 fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
10 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the
11 Department of Education - Educational Television Division - Cash Operations
12 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

14 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
16 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,255,554
17 (02) EXTRA HELP	366,930
18 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	475,587
19 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,665,555
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	56,450
22 (C) PROF. FEES	600,000
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,500,000
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0
25 (05) GRANTS AND AID	40,000
26 (06) RESALE (COGS)	5,000
27 (07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,025,076</u></u>

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30 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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4 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
5 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
6 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
7 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
8 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
9 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
10 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
11 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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13 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
14 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
15 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
16 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
17 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
18 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
19 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
20 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
21 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
22 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
23 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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25 /s/Joint Budget Committee
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