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Division of Higher Education

State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S3/17/25 S4/3/25*

95th General Assembly

Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 88

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
established for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education
for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular
employees.

			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	No. of	2025-2026
		Employees	
(1)	U024U DHE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	D022N IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(3)	D012C DATABASE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT08



1	(4) D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
2	(5) D028C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07
3	(6) D016C SENIOR TECHNOLOGY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
4	(7) G281C ADE POLICY & SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
5	(8) N002N DHE SENIOR ASSOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
6	(9) N069N ADE SPECIAL ADVISOR	1	GRADE GS14
7	(10) N055N DHE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
8	(11) A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
9	(12) N054N DHE CAREER PATHWAYS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
10	(13) N167N DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
11	(14) A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
12	(15) G058C DHE FEDERAL PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS11
13	(16) E061C ACE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
14	(17) G071C DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	6	GRADE GS10
15	(18) E062C ACE PROGRAM ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
16	(19) G102C DHE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	18	GRADE GS09
17	(20) G080C NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SVCS EXEC. DIR.	1	GRADE GS09
18	(21) G295C OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MED PROG ADMIN	1	GRADE GS09
19	(22) G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
20	(23) G180C GRANTS ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
21	(24) A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
22	(25) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
23	(26) C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
24	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	52	

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26 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 27 authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education
 28 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
 29 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 30 appropriated herein for such purposes: fifteen (15) temporary or part-time
 31 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 32 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 33 for the appropriate classification.

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35 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 36 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division

of Higher Education Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - General Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,367,990
(02) EXTRA HELP	75,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	777,058
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	909,346
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	49,659
(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) STATEWIDE PROMOTION	<u>295,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,549,053</u></u>

SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - State Board of Private Career Education for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Private Career Education Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - State Board of Private Career Education - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$163,983
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	20,000
4	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	55,427
5	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	63,000
7	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
8	(C) PROF. FEES	6,000
9	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
10	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$312,410</u></u>

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13 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND VARIOUS
 14 SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education,
 15 to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for providing
 16 student assistance grants and various scholarships as provided by law of the
 17 Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Student Assistance
 18 Grants and Various Scholarships for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 19 following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
23	(01) ARKANSAS FUTURE GRANTS	\$5,000,000
24	(02) NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	4,400,000
25	(03) SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	175,000
26	(04) STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM	4,000,000
27	(05) TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM	2,500,000
28	(06) AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS	
29	MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS	150,000
30	(07) ARKANSAS HEROES SCHOLARSHIP	5,500,000
31	(08) GOVERNOR'S HIGHER EDUCATION	
32	TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	2,000,000
33	(09) SREB MINORITY DOCTORAL SCHOLARS	175,000
34	(10) WASHINGTON CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS	150,000
35	(11) TUITION ADJUSTMENT	350,000
36	(12) AR ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS	25,000,000

1	(13) AR GOVERNOR'S SCHOLAR	22,000,000
2	(14) STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (SURF)	<u>150,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$71,550,000</u></u>

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5 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - TECHNICAL EDUCATION - FEDERAL PROGRAMS.

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 and operating expenses of the Department of
 9 Education - Division of Higher Education - Technical Education - Federal
 10 Programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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12	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$139,791
15	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	49,594
16	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	108,271
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	80,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	157,000
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
21	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$534,656</u></u>

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24 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. There is
 25 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 26 Research Development Fund, for providing Arkansas Research Development
 27 Program Grants to Institutions of Higher Education by the Department of
 28 Education - Division of Higher Education - Research Development Program for
 29 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
33	(01) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANTS	<u><u>\$750,000</u></u>

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35 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. There is
 36 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the

Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for payments of contracts and loans with participating out-of-state institutions of higher learning in the fields of dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine, chiropractic, and podiatry for the education of Arkansas citizens by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Health Education Grants and Loans for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CHIROPRACTIC AID	\$260,000
(02) DENTAL AID - GRANTS	2,950,000
(03) OPTOMETRY AID - GRANTS	650,000
(04) PODIATRY AID	130,400
(05) VETERINARY AID FORGIVENESS PROGRAM	1,750,000
(06) DENTAL AID - LOANS	987,370
(07) OPTOMETRY AID - LOANS	140,000
(08) VETERINARY MED. LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM	<u>250,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,117,770</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$269,233
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	32,865
(C) PROF. FEES	63,932
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$416,030</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION BOARD - CASH.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Private Career Education Board - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$9,500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000
(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$20,500</u></u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT PROTECTION TRUST. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Private Career School Student Protection Trust Fund, for expenses, claims and fees of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - State Board of Private Career Education - Student Protection Trust for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) EXPENSES/CLAIMS/FEES	<u><u>\$300,000</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - TANF PROGRAM - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses, grants and aid by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - TANF Program - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	NO.	2025-2026
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$292,016
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	100,134
4	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	80,000
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	60,000
7	(C) PROF. FEES	70,000
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(04) SELF SUFFICIENCY/JOB TRAINING GRANTS	6,547,850
11	(05) ENROLLMENT AND EDUCATION	<u>3,000,000</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,150,000</u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - WEB BASED APPLICATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses associated with web based applications of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Web Based Applications for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	NO.	2025-2026
23	(01) WEB BASED APPLICATIONS PERSONAL	
24	SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Scholarship Administration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	NO.	2025-2026
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$282,079
36	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000

1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	107,174
2	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	285,000
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	30,000
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$714,253</u></u>

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10 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015. There is
 11 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
 12 Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund, for workforce education grants,
 13 administrative and operating expenses of the Department of Education -
 14 Division of Higher Education - Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 for the
 15 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
19	(01) WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015 EXPENSES	<u><u>\$8,000,000</u></u>

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21 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - VETERAN'S APPROVING AGENCY - FEDERAL.
 22 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
 23 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
 24 State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
 25 Education - Division of Higher Education - Veteran's Approving Agency -
 26 Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$239,841
31	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	88,427
32	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	53,546
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,623
35	(C) PROF. FEES	0
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$391,437</u></u>

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - AMERICORPS - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Higher Education Fund Account, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants and aid by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - AmeriCorps - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$324,617
(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	126,827
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	363,650
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	85,650
(C) PROF. FEES	2,500
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) GRANTS AND AID	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$983,244</u></u>

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - AMERICORPS - GRANTS AND AID. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Higher Education Fund Account, for grants and aid by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - AmeriCorps - Grants and Aid for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) GRANTS AND AID	<u><u>\$2,010,704</u></u>

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the

Department of Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan & Scholarship Program loans and/or scholarships by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan & Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE	
STUDENT LOANS/SCHOLARSHIP	<u>\$400,000</u>

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY EXPANSION BOARD. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Graduate Medical Education Fund, for planning grants to eligible entities for graduate medical education residency program expansion or new programs, and for board expenses and reimbursements of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY EXPANSION BOARD	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES GRANTS AND EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for grants for scholarships to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and for personal services and operating expenses as determined by the Division of Higher Education for outreach programs to promote awareness of those scholarships of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - HBCU Grants and Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

(01) HBCU GRANTS AND EXPENSES \$4,000,000

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program Fund, for scholarships, personal services, and operating expenses necessary to create and maintain the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) AR TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	<u>\$12,000,000</u>

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - SUSTAINABLE BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Sustainable Building Maintenance Program for State-Supported Institutions of Higher Education Revolving Loan Fund, for transfers or loans to a state-supported institution of higher education for deferred maintenance, critical maintenance, or renovation of state-owned property of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Sustainable Building Maintenance Program for State-Supported Institutions of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) LOANS	<u>\$7,437,405</u>

SECTION 25. REGULAR SALARIES - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. There is hereby established for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Northwest Technical Institute for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Maximum Annual

			<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
	<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
	<i>No.</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>2025-2026</i>
4	(1)	NWT10C NWTI DIRECTOR	1	\$169,298
5	(2)	NWT07C NWTI ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	2	\$127,195
6	(3)	NWT19P NWTI NURSE INSTRUCTOR	6	\$124,726
7	(4)	NWT06P NWTI AMMONIA & INDUST TRAIN SUPV/EXPERT	1	\$112,976
8	(5)	NWT12P NWTI EDUC PROG SUPV/EXPERT	3	\$112,976
9	(6)	NWT01P NWTI ACCOUNTANT II	1	\$95,564
10	(7)	NWT09P NWTI CAREER & TECH FACULTY II	7	\$95,564
11	(8)	NWT05P NWTI AMMONIA & INDUST TRAINER	2	\$93,367
12	(9)	NWT21P NWTI USER SUPPORT ANALYST	2	\$89,613
13	(10)	NWT08P NWTI CAREER & TECH FACULTY I	28	\$86,876
14	(11)	NWT11P NWTI EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	\$84,879
15	(12)	NWT13P NWTI EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	\$84,879
16	(13)	NWT15P NWTI HR COORDINATOR	1	\$84,879
17	(14)	NWT20P NWTI TRAINER	3	\$84,879
18	(15)	NWT17P NWTI MAINT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	\$77,163
19	(16)	NWT02P NWTI ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	\$70,148
20	(17)	NWT03P NWTI ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	5	\$63,770
21	(18)	NWT14P NWTI FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	\$63,770
22	(19)	NWT16P NWTI HR SPECIALIST	1	\$63,770
23	(20)	NWT18P NWTI MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	3	\$57,973
24	(21)	NWT04P NWTI ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	<u>4</u>	\$52,703
25	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		79	

SECTION 26. EXTRA HELP - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Northwest Technical Institute for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred thirty-five (135) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - STATE.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Northwest Technical Institute Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Northwest Technical Institute - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,199,793
(02) EXTRA HELP	453,411
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,199,110
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	668,564
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	44,866
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,565,744</u></u>

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - FEDERAL.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Northwest Technical Institute - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$82,696
(02) EXTRA HELP	171,492
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	47,690
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	14,278
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$316,156</u></u>

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - CASH.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Northwest Technical Institute - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,005,551
(02) EXTRA HELP	556,450
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	440,606
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,894,530
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
(C) PROF. FEES	275,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) RESALE	<u>325,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,712,137</u></u>

SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

DHE - REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Upon determination by the president or chancellor of an institution of higher education that a reallocation of resources for purposes of reorganization or consolidation of administrative functions within the institution is necessary for efficient and effective operations of the institution, the president or chancellor, with approval of the institution's board of trustees, may have the authority to transfer positions, appropriations and related funds between campuses, divisions, branches, and other budgetary units of the institution, after receiving prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget

1 Committee. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used
2 for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General
3 Assembly. The transfers, consolidations, or reorganizations which involve
4 academic programs shall be reviewed by the Division of Higher Education prior
5 to submission to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Provided,
6 however, that the institution shall be limited to submitting no more than two
7 (2) individual transaction transfer requests during any fiscal year and shall
8 be further limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the total General
9 Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, positions specific to
10 each institution, and no Tobacco Settlement funds or appropriations may be
11 reallocated pursuant to this section.

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

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

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32 SECTION 31. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

34 DHE - BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND. After the sum of \$13,200,000 has been
35 deposited into the Higher Education Building Maintenance Fund, any additional
36 deposits are to be transferred to the Research Development Fund there to be

1 used as provided by law.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
3 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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5 SECTION 32. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

7 DHE - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon certification by the Director of the Division
8 of Higher Education that transfers are needed to make maximum utilization of
9 funds and appropriations provided for financial aid programs, and with the
10 approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and a review by the
11 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, funds and
12 appropriations may be transferred between financial aid programs to more
13 adequately align the appropriation with the number of eligible students.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
15 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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17 SECTION 33. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

19 DHE - TRANSFER OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS - HEALTH
20 EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. Upon certification to and with the approval of
21 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, surplus funds and appropriations may
22 be transferred between the appropriations provided for "Health Education
23 Grants and Loans" by this Act by the General Assembly for Dental Aid Grants
24 and Loans, Optometry Aid Grants and Loans, Veterinary Aid, Veterinary Med.
25 Loan Forgiveness Program, Podiatry Aid, and Chiropractic Aid.

26 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
27 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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29 SECTION 34. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

31 DHE - CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATIONS - TRANSFERS AND REPORTS. (a) Upon approval
32 by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education and the Chief
33 Fiscal Officer of the State, institutions of higher education may transfer
34 appropriation from the cash contingency appropriation to any other
35 appropriation made to the institution from cash funds including the
36 establishment of commitment items, and may transfer appropriation from the

1 contingency appropriation made payable from each institution's State Treasury
2 Fund to the state operations appropriation made payable from each
3 institution's State Treasury Fund including the establishment of commitment
4 items, and may transfer appropriation from the contingency appropriation made
5 payable from the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund Accounts to any other
6 appropriation made to the institution from Tobacco Settlement Program Fund
7 Accounts including the establishment of commitment items.

8 (b) Contingency appropriation transfers shall only establish and
9 supplement commitment items that were recommended by the Higher Education
10 Coordinating Board in the budget manuals presented to the Legislative Council
11 and Joint Budget Committee.

12 (c) The Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall
13 report contingency appropriation transfers and the establishment of any
14 commitment items authorized by this Section to the Legislative Council or
15 Joint Budget Committee for review during its July meeting. The report shall
16 include, by institution, the establishment of, and the amounts transferred
17 to, each commitment item, the reasons therefor and the source of funds.
18 Institutions shall submit contingency appropriation transfer and commitment
19 item establishment requests authorized by this Section to the Division of
20 Higher Education no later than July 1. Upon the failure of an institution to
21 submit the required information by the July 1 deadline, the Department of
22 Education - Division of Higher Education shall immediately notify by written
23 notification the chairpersons of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget
24 Committee.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
26 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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28 SECTION 35. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

30 DHE WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
31 may transfer, on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the
32 Auditor of the State, funding up to the amount authorized in the Workforce
33 Initiative Act of 2015 appropriation section in this Act, from the Division
34 of Higher Education Fund Account to the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund
35 in order to finance the distribution of grants identified under §6-60-107.

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~

1 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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3 SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
5 DHE - STATEWIDE ~~SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT~~ PROMOTION. Of the general revenue that
6 is received by and distributed from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account,
7 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer two hundred ninety-five
8 thousand dollars (\$295,000) to the Division of Higher Education Fund Account
9 to be allocated, budgeted, committed and distributed to the Statewide
10 ~~Scholarship and Grant~~ Promotion line item in the General Operations section
11 of this Act for the purpose of increasing public awareness of the
12 ~~scholarships and grants~~ programs and initiatives offered by the State through
13 the Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education. The
14 Department shall utilize a minimum of one hundred forty-seven thousand five
15 hundred dollars (\$147,500) of the aforementioned total specifically for the
16 promotion of the Arkansas Future Grant Program.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
18 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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20 SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
22 GOVERNOR'S HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Department
23 of Education - Division of Higher Education shall provide for the
24 administration of the "Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship
25 Program" as appropriated in the Student Assistance Grants and Various
26 Scholarships Appropriation section of this Act to assist students accepted
27 into transitional programs for students with intellectual and/or
28 developmental disabilities at state institutions of higher education and
29 shall promulgate rules for the implementation of the program and for the
30 disbursement of scholarships to eligible students.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
32 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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34 SECTION 38. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
35 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
36 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

1 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
2 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
3 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
4 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
5 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
6 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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8 SECTION 39. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
9 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
10 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
11 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
12 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
13 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
14 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
15 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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17 SECTION 40. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
18 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
19 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
20 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
21 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
22 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
23 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
24 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
25 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
26 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
27 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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29 /s/Joint Budget Committee
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32 APPROVED: 4/14/25
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Institutions of Higher Education

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 196

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION REAPPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Arkansas State University the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 1 of Act 108 of 2024, for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the Arkansas State University System, in a sum not to exceed\$25,000,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 1 of Act 108 of 2024, for costs of construction of an Art and Innovation District, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 1 of Act 108 of 2024, for costs of construction of an Athletic and Club Sport Campus, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided



in Item (D) of Section 1 of Act 108 of 2024, for campus buildings deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$5,000,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 1 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$720,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 1 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$2,920,000.

(G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (G) of Section 1 of Act 108 of 2024, for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$2,945,929.

SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - LAKEPORT PLANTATION HOUSE HUMIDITY AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the Arkansas State University the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$594,000.

SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Arkansas Tech University the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 4 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation for Brown Building academic utilization, in a sum not to exceed\$1,475,548.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 4 of Act 108 of 2024, for utility upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$4,524,452.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 4 of Act 108 of 2024, for technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$3,000,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 4 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$1,230,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 4 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$3,860,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 4 of Act 108 of 2024, for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$1,157,352.

(G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (G) of Section 4 of Act 108 of 2024, for reroofing the Allied Health Building on the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed\$177,765.

(H) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (H) of Section 4 of Act 108 of 2024, for costs of construction of the ATCC Tech Center, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(I) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (I) of Section 4 of Act 108 of 2024, for costs of construction of the Ozark Technology and Trade Center, in a sum not to exceed\$822,235.

(J) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (J) of Section 4 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance for the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed\$20,000.

(K) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (K) of Section 4 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance for the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed\$210,000.

SECTION 4. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY - TECHIONERY RENOVATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the Arkansas Tech University the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$810,445.

SECTION 5. REAPPROPRIATION - HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY. There is

hereby appropriated, to the Henderson State University, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Henderson State University the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 5 of Act 108 of 2024, for construction, renovation, maintenance, and equipment, in a sum not to exceed\$8,000,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 5 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$280,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 5 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$1,940,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 5 of Act 108 of 2024, for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$516,704.

SECTION 6. REAPPROPRIATION - HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY - RUSSELL FINE ARTS BUILDING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Henderson State University, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the Henderson State University the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$800,000.

SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION - HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY - MOONEY HALL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Henderson State University, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the Henderson State University the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$700,000.

SECTION 8. REAPPROPRIATION - HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY - SMITH HALL.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Henderson State University, to be
 2 payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust
 3 Fund, for the Henderson State University the following:

4 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 5 in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management,
 6 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,
 7 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$400,000.

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 9 SECTION 9. REAPPROPRIATION - SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY. There is
 10 hereby appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from
 11 the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Southern Arkansas University
 12 the following:

13 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 14 in Item (A) of Section 8 of Act 108 of 2024, for costs of HVAC upgrades, in a
 15 sum not to exceed\$4,000,000.

16 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 17 in Item (B) of Section 8 of Act 108 of 2024, for technology upgrades, in a
 18 sum not to exceed\$4,000,000.

19 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 20 in Item (C) of Section 8 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
 21 sum not to exceed\$530,000.

22 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 23 in Item (D) of Section 8 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
 24 sum not to exceed\$1,950,000.

25 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 26 in Item (E) of Section 8 of Act 108 of 2024, for the purchase, replacement,
 27 and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed
 28\$732,352.

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 30 SECTION 10. REAPPROPRIATION - SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY - GREENE
 31 HALL RENOVATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas
 32 University, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources
 33 Grant and Trust Fund, for the Southern Arkansas University the following:

34 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 35 in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management,
 36 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,

1 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$1,454,342.

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3 SECTION 11. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL
4 SCIENCES. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for
5 Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund,
6 for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences the following:

7 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
8 in Item (A) of Section 11 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of the Barton
9 Building, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

10 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
11 in Item (B) of Section 11 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of the Monroe
12 Building, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

13 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
14 in Item (C) of Section 11 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of the EDII 6th
15 Floor for the College of Pharmacy, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

16 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
17 in Item (D) of Section 11 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of the Central
18 Building - Floors 2-8, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

19 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
20 in Item (E) of Section 11 of Act 108 of 2024, for Central Building Clinical
21 Lab AHU replacement, in a sum not to exceed\$600,000.

22 (F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
23 in Item (F) of Section 11 of Act 108 of 2024, for Central Building Penthouse
24 electrical infrastructure, in a sum not to exceed\$450,000.

25 (G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
26 in Item (G) of Section 11 of Act 108 of 2024, for UAMS West Central Energy
27 Plant Addition and Interconnect, in a sum not to exceed\$950,000.

28 (H) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
29 in Item (H) of Section 11 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
30 sum not to exceed\$7,220,000.

31 (I) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
32 in Item (I) of Section 11 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
33 sum not to exceed\$11,630,000.

34 (J) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
35 in Item (J) of Section 11 of Act 108 of 2024, for the purchase, replacement,
36 and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed

.....\$1,802,814.

SECTION 12. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the University of Arkansas the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for restoration of the Agriculture Building, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for restoration of the Leflar Law Center North Wing, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for restoration of Memorial Hall, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for restoration and renovation of the Fine Arts Center and University Theatre, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for restoration and renovation of the John A. White, Jr. Engineering Hall, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance for the U of A - Fayetteville, in a sum not to exceed\$5,730,000.

(G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (G) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance for the U of A - Fayetteville, in a sum not to exceed\$9,910,000.

(H) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (H) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings for the U of A - Fayetteville, in a sum not to exceed\$4,814,389.

(I) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (I) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for costs of construction for System Office expansion, in a sum not to exceed\$1,974,150.

(J) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (J) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the University of Arkansas System, in a sum not to exceed\$23,000,000.

(K) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (K) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance for the U of A - System, in a sum not to exceed\$10,000.

(L) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (L) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance for the U of A - System, in a sum not to exceed\$50,000.

(M) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (M) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for costs of constructing the Department of Food Science Building replacement, in a sum not to exceed\$3,500,000.

(N) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (N) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for costs of construction of the Lonoke Extension Center expansion, in a sum not to exceed\$1,500,000.

(O) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (O) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance for the U of A - Division of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed\$70,000.

(P) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (P) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance for the U of A - Division of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed\$1,680,000.

(Q) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (Q) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for remote sensing and archeological object analysis, in a sum not to exceed\$252,500.

(R) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (R) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for archeological data/object security and accessibility, in a sum not to exceed\$123,750.

(S) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (S) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance of the U of A - Arkansas Archeological Survey, in a sum not to exceed\$80,000.

(T) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (T) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for replacement of AREON core network equipment, in a sum not to exceed\$150,000.

(U) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (U) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts (ASMSA) maintenance shop, in a sum not to exceed\$900,000.

(V) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (V) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for ASMSA campus ADA accessibility improvements, in a sum not to exceed\$250,000.

(W) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (W) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for STEM Research Lab upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$350,000.

(X) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (X) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for personal services and general operating expenses of the Partners for Inclusive Communities - Sickie Cell Anemia Task Force, in a sum not to exceed\$60,000.

(Y) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (Y) of Section 12 of Act 108 of 2024, for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the University of Arkansas System, in a sum not to exceed\$834.

SECTION 13. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - BAYOU BARTHOLOMEW ARCHEOLOGY COLLECTION REHABILITATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the University of Arkansas the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$88,231.

SECTION 14. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - MANAGING STATE ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES USING LIDAR IMAGING. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the University of Arkansas the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided

1 in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management,
2 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,
3 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$90,189.
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5 SECTION 15. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - VAN WINKLE'S
6 MILL. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be
7 payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust
8 Fund, for the University of Arkansas the following:

9 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
10 in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management,
11 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,
12 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$64,350.
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14 SECTION 16. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - DESIGN
15 DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPROVED HVAC SYSTEM. There is hereby appropriated, to the
16 University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural
17 Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the University of Arkansas the following:

18 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
19 in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management,
20 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,
21 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$67,395.
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23 SECTION 17. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - EXPANDING THE
24 LEGACY OF THE CCC AT DEVIL'S DEN AND PETIT JEAN STATE PARKS. There is hereby
25 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Arkansas
26 Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the University of
27 Arkansas the following:

28 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
29 in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management,
30 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,
31 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$282,360.
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33 SECTION 18. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - GARVAN WOODLAND
34 GARDENS CONSTRUCTION AND RENEWAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the
35 University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural
36 Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the University of Arkansas the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$1,295,000.

SECTION 19. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FORT SMITH.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 18 of Act 108 of 2024, for costs of construction and renovation for the UAFS Center for Workforce Development, in a sum not to exceed\$6,522,500.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 18 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$570,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 18 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$1,670,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 18 of Act 108 of 2024, for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$622,683.

SECTION 20. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 19 of Act 108 of 2024, for improvements to technology infrastructure, in a sum not to exceed\$3,500,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 19 of Act 108 of 2024, for building infrastructure and critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$3,000,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 19 of Act 108 of 2024, for classroom technology

improvements, in a sum not to exceed\$3,000,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 19 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$6,590,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 19 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$5,680,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 19 of Act 108 of 2024, for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$1,542,601.

SECTION 21. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK - SUSTAINABLE BUILDING DESIGN. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund, for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 20 of Act 108 of 2024, for construction, renovation, maintenance and operating expenses, in a sum not to exceed\$71,616.

SECTION 22. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the University of Arkansas at Monticello the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 21 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of the Math and Science Center, in a sum not to exceed\$3,250,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 21 of Act 108 of 2024, for HVAC upgrades for MCB and Science Center, in a sum not to exceed\$2,500,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 21 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of the Fine Arts Center, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 21 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of the Music

Building, in a sum not to exceed\$750,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 21 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$2,430,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 21 of Act 108 of 2024, for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$408,269.

(G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (G) of Section 21 of Act 108 of 2024, for costs of construction of the Workforce/Collegiate Center on the Crossett campus, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(H) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (H) of Section 21 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance for the Crossett campus, in a sum not to exceed\$120,000.

(I) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (I) of Section 21 of Act 108 of 2024, for costs of construction of a General Education Building on the McGehee campus, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(J) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (J) of Section 21 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance for the McGehee campus, in a sum not to exceed\$150,000.

SECTION 23. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO - 1937 FACULTY HOUSE WALLPAPER. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the University of Arkansas at Monticello the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$34,142.

SECTION 24. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO - 1954 STUDENT UNION BUILDING. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and

Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the University of Arkansas at Monticello the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$855,012.

SECTION 25. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO - TROTTER HOUSE FAUX PAINTING. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the University of Arkansas at Monticello the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$45,115.

SECTION 26. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation for fire protection, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of dormitory, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of the police station, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for campus security fencing, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of restrooms, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for domestic water upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (G) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for elevator upgrades and modernization, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(H) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (H) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$490,000.

(I) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (I) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$1,630,000.

(J) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (J) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$373,244.

(K) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (K) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for matching funds for the 1890 Research and Extension Programs, in a sum not to exceed\$144,000.

(L) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (L) of Section 24 of Act 108 of 2024, for matching funds for the 1890 Research and Extension Programs, in a sum not to exceed\$700,000.

SECTION 27. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF - HAZZARD GYMNASIUM RENOVATION PHASE II. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

SECTION 28. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Central Arkansas, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the University of Central

Arkansas the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 26 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation/replacement of the Lewis Science Center, in a sum not to exceed\$3,000,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 26 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of Mashburn Hall, in a sum not to exceed\$3,000,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 26 of Act 108 of 2024, for renovation of Old Main, in a sum not to exceed\$3,000,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 26 of Act 108 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$1,080,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 26 of Act 108 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$3,890,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 26 of Act 108 of 2024, for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$1,977,174.

SECTION 29. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

(B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of

1 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
2 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
3 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
4 otherwise by law.

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

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15 SECTION 31. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
16 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
17 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
18 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
19 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
20 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
21 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
22 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
23 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
24 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
25 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1393

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION REAPPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Northeastern College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Arkansas Northeastern College the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 1 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of a Precision Machining Facility, in a sum not to exceed\$2,650,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 1 of Act 80 of 2024, for technology upgrades for Multi-Modal Course Delivery, in a sum not to exceed\$850,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 1 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$320,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 1 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$420,000.



1 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 2 in Item (E) of Section 1 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of
 3 equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$104,270.
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5 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE. There
 6 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Beebe, to be
 7 payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Arkansas State
 8 University - Beebe the following:

9 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 10 in Item (A) of Section 2 of Act 80 of 2024, for expansion and renovation of
 11 the Bloodworth Nursing Building, in a sum not to exceed\$2,329,084.
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13 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 14 in Item (B) of Section 2 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of State Hall, in
 15 a sum not to exceed\$900,000.
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17 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 18 in Item (C) of Section 2 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the Owen
 19 Center, in a sum not to exceed\$770,916.
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21 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 22 in Item (D) of Section 2 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
 23 sum not to exceed\$130,000.
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25 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 26 in Item (E) of Section 2 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
 27 sum not to exceed\$1,130,000.
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29 (F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 30 in Item (F) of Section 2 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of
 31 equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$284,910.
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33 SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MID-SOUTH.
 34 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mid-South,
 35 to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Arkansas
 36 State University - Mid-South the following:

37 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 38 in Item (A) of Section 3 of Act 80 of 2024, for classroom technology
 39 upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$825,000.
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41 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 42 in Item (B) of Section 3 of Act 80 of 2024, for student laptop upgrades, in a

1 sum not to exceed\$250,000.

2 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
3 in Item (C) of Section 3 of Act 80 of 2024, for campus security updates, in a
4 sum not to exceed\$150,000.

5 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
6 in Item (D) of Section 3 of Act 80 of 2024, for technology infrastructure
7 upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$150,000.

8 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
9 in Item (E) of Section 3 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
10 sum not to exceed\$190,000.

11 (F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
12 in Item (F) of Section 3 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
13 sum not to exceed\$510,000.

14 (G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
15 in Item (G) of Section 3 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of
16 equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$77,160.

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18 SECTION 4. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MOUNTAIN HOME.
19 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mountain
20 Home, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the
21 Arkansas State University - Mountain Home the following:

22 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
23 in Item (A) of Section 4 of Act 80 of 2024, for IT infrastructure
24 upgrades/replacement, in a sum not to exceed\$300,000.

25 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
26 in Item (B) of Section 4 of Act 80 of 2024, for the renovation and purchase
27 of an Occupational Technical Center, in a sum not to exceed\$375,000.

28 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
29 in Item (C) of Section 4 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance
30 equipment project, in a sum not to exceed\$2,625,000.

31 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
32 in Item (D) of Section 4 of Act 80 of 2024, for security system upgrades, in
33 a sum not to exceed\$200,000.

34 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
35 in Item (E) of Section 4 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
36 sum not to exceed\$150,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 4 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$280,000.

(G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (G) of Section 4 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$108,505.

SECTION 5. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Newport, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Arkansas State University - Newport the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 5 of Act 80 of 2024, for Phase 2 Photovoltaic Solar Array, in a sum not to exceed\$3,000,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 5 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the Nursing and Health Professions Building on the Marked Tree campus, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 5 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$50,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 5 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$380,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 5 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$219,140.

SECTION 6. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University Three Rivers, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Arkansas State University Three Rivers the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 6 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of Health Science Building expansion, in a sum not to exceed\$1,431,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided

in Item (B) of Section 6 of Act 80 of 2024, for Walkway Roof replacement, in a sum not to exceed\$162,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 6 of Act 80 of 2024, for Classroom Building doors and windows, in a sum not to exceed\$27,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 6 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the Ritz Theatre, in a sum not to exceed\$800,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 6 of Act 80 of 2024, for Workforce Development expansion, in a sum not to exceed\$1,080,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 6 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$220,000.

(G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (G) of Section 6 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$71,280.

SECTION 7. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS - RITZ THEATRE AND CONFERENCE CENTER PHASE V. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University Three Rivers, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the Arkansas State University Three Rivers the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$1,355,611.

SECTION 8. REAPPROPRIATION - BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Black River Technical College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Black River Technical College the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 8 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the RCDC Building, in a sum not to exceed\$697,500.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided

1 in Item (B) of Section 8 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the Welding Lab
 2 in Pocahontas, in a sum not to exceed\$1,790,000.

3 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 4 in Item (C) of Section 8 of Act 80 of 2024, for AC/Library equipment
 5 replacement, in a sum not to exceed\$360,000.

6 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 7 in Item (D) of Section 8 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the "A" and "B"
 8 Buildings, in a sum not to exceed\$247,500.

9 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 10 in Item (E) of Section 8 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the Health
 11 Science Complex, in a sum not to exceed\$405,000.

12 (F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 13 in Item (F) of Section 8 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
 14 sum not to exceed\$20,000.

15 (G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 16 in Item (G) of Section 8 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
 17 sum not to exceed\$430,000.

18 (H) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 19 in Item (H) of Section 8 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of
 20 equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$147,205.

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 22 SECTION 9. REAPPROPRIATION - COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE
 23 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Cossatot
 24 Community College of the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the
 25 Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Cossatot Community College of the
 26 University of Arkansas the following:

27 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 28 in Item (A) of Section 9 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of a
 29 Multi-purpose Facility (Gym/Convocation Center), in a sum not to exceed
 30\$3,000,000.

31 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 32 in Item (B) of Section 9 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
 33 sum not to exceed\$50,000.

34 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 35 in Item (C) of Section 9 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
 36 sum not to exceed\$320,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 9 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$102,360.

SECTION 10. REAPPROPRIATION - NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the National Park College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the National Park College the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 11 of Act 80 of 2024, for laboratory equipment, in a sum not to exceed\$300,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 11 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the Computer Resources Building, in a sum not to exceed\$3,200,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 11 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$110,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 11 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 11 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$224,415.

SECTION 11. REAPPROPRIATION - NORTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the North Arkansas College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the North Arkansas College the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 12 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction for Bradley Center expansion, in a sum not to exceed\$2,505,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 12 of Act 80 of 2024, for technology systems improvements, in a sum not to exceed\$760,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 12 of Act 80 of 2024, for replacement of sliding glass

doors, in a sum not to exceed\$140,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 12 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of tiered classrooms to comply with ADA, in a sum not to exceed\$95,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 12 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$100,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 12 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (G) of Section 12 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$151,075.

SECTION 12. REAPPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Northwest Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Northwest Arkansas Community College the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 13 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of White Auditorium, in a sum not to exceed\$277,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 13 of Act 80 of 2024, for campus security cameras, in a sum not to exceed\$750,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 13 of Act 80 of 2024, for campus audio/visual costs, in a sum not to exceed\$120,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 13 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the Plant Generator, in a sum not to exceed\$90,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 13 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$570,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 13 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$567,770.

SECTION 13. REAPPROPRIATION - OZARKA COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Ozarka College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Ozarka College the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 14 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the Administration Building, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 14 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the Miller Building, in a sum not to exceed\$600,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 14 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$270,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 14 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$92,710.

SECTION 14. REAPPROPRIATION - PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 15 of Act 80 of 2024, for ADA compliance improvements, in a sum not to exceed\$280,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 15 of Act 80 of 2024, for technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$130,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 15 of Act 80 of 2024, for campus security upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$100,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 15 of Act 80 of 2024, for roof repair and replacement, in a sum not to exceed\$1,020,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 15 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the Gymnasium,

1 in a sum not to exceed\$350,000.

2 (F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
3 in Item (F) of Section 15 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
4 sum not to exceed\$150,000.

5 (G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
6 in Item (G) of Section 15 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
7 sum not to exceed\$970,000.

8 (H) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
9 in Item (H) of Section 15 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of
10 equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$89,855.

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12 SECTION 15. REAPPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH. There is hereby appropriated,
13 to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for
14 the SAU-Tech the following:

15 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
16 in Item (A) of Section 16 of Act 80 of 2024, for HVAC upgrades, in a sum not
17 to exceed\$2,852,000.

18 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
19 in Item (B) of Section 16 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance/safety,
20 in a sum not to exceed\$648,000.

21 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
22 in Item (C) of Section 16 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
23 sum not to exceed\$300,000.

24 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
25 in Item (D) of Section 16 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
26 sum not to exceed\$1,020,000.

27 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
28 in Item (E) of Section 16 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of
29 equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$112,475.

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31 SECTION 16. REAPPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING
32 ACADEMY. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from
33 the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the SAU-Tech Environmental Training
34 Academy the following:

35 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
36 in Item (A) of Section 17 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a

1 sum not to exceed\$20,000.

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3 SECTION 17. REAPPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. There
4 is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the Development
5 and Enhancement Fund, for the SAU-Tech Fire Training Academy the following:

6 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
7 in Item (A) of Section 18 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of the
8 AFTA Burn Building, in a sum not to exceed\$412,000.

9 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
10 in Item (B) of Section 18 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance/safety,
11 in a sum not to exceed\$162,000.

12 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
13 in Item (C) of Section 18 of Act 80 of 2024, for training ground
14 enhancements, in a sum not to exceed\$1,261,000.

15 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
16 in Item (D) of Section 18 of Act 80 of 2024, for technology infrastructure
17 upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$165,000.

18 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
19 in Item (E) of Section 18 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
20 sum not to exceed\$60,000.

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22 SECTION 18. REAPPROPRIATION - SOUTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby
23 appropriated, to the South Arkansas College, to be payable from the
24 Development and Enhancement Fund, for the South Arkansas College the
25 following:

26 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
27 in Item (A) of Section 19 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
28 sum not to exceed\$60,000.

29 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
30 in Item (B) of Section 19 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
31 sum not to exceed\$480,000.

32 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
33 in Item (C) of Section 19 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of
34 equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$118,350.

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36 SECTION 19. REAPPROPRIATION - SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is

hereby appropriated, to the Southeast Arkansas College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Southeast Arkansas College the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 20 of Act 80 of 2024, for campus fire life systems upgrade, in a sum not to exceed\$783,385.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 20 of Act 80 of 2024, for installation of emergency phones on campus, in a sum not to exceed\$47,957.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 20 of Act 80 of 2024, for campus chilled water systems upgrade, in a sum not to exceed\$812,977.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 20 of Act 80 of 2024, for campus heating water systems upgrade, in a sum not to exceed\$180,324.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 20 of Act 80 of 2024, for campus building automation systems upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$995,830.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 20 of Act 80 of 2024, for campus video surveillance and access controls upgrade, in a sum not to exceed\$679,527.

(G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (G) of Section 20 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$90,000.

(H) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (H) of Section 20 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$360,000.

(I) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (I) of Section 20 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$105,975.

SECTION 20. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT BATESVILLE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville the following:

1 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 2 in Item (A) of Section 21 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the Main
 3 Classroom Building, in a sum not to exceed\$2,500,000.

4 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 5 in Item (B) of Section 21 of Act 80 of 2024, for land acquisition, in a sum
 6 not to exceed\$1,000,000.

7 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 8 in Item (C) of Section 21 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
 9 sum not to exceed\$40,000.

10 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 11 in Item (D) of Section 21 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
 12 sum not to exceed\$190,000.

13 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 14 in Item (E) of Section 21 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of
 15 equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$105,780.

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 17 SECTION 21. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 18 AT HOPE-TEXARKANA. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of
 19 Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana, to be payable from the
 20 Development and Enhancement Fund, for the University of Arkansas Community
 21 College at Hope-Texarkana the following:

22 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 23 in Item (A) of Section 22 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of the
 24 Texarkana Multipurpose Building, in a sum not to exceed\$1,503,500.

25 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 26 in Item (B) of Section 22 of Act 80 of 2024, for parking lot replacement, in
 27 a sum not to exceed\$300,000.

28 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 29 in Item (C) of Section 22 of Act 80 of 2024, for HVAC replacements, in a sum
 30 not to exceed\$500,000.

31 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 32 in Item (D) of Section 22 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of the
 33 Texarkana Classroom Building, in a sum not to exceed\$696,500.

34 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 35 in Item (E) of Section 22 of Act 80 of 2024, for building maintenance, in a
 36 sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 22 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$20,000.

(G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (G) of Section 22 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$280,000.

(H) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (H) of Section 22 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$96,195.

SECTION 22. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT MORRILTON. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 23 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of the Allied Health/Health Sciences Building, in a sum not to exceed ...\$2,000,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 23 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation and construction of East Campus infrastructure, in a sum not to exceed\$1,500,000.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 23 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$10,000.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 23 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$420,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 23 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$191,895.

SECTION 23. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT RICH MOUNTAIN. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) of Section 24 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of the Allied Health Services Classroom Building, in a sum not to exceed\$2,709,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) of Section 24 of Act 80 of 2024, for technology upgrade of Lecture Hall, in a sum not to exceed\$590,500.

(C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (C) of Section 24 of Act 80 of 2024, for the purchase of Allied Health equipment, in a sum not to exceed\$200,500.

(D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (D) of Section 24 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$50,000.

(E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (E) of Section 24 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$100,000.

(F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (F) of Section 24 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$72,675.

SECTION 24. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT RICH MOUNTAIN - HISTORIC AG. AND HOME EC. BUILDINGS PHASE IV. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided in Section 25 of Act 24 of 2024, for the acquisition, management, stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$425,128.

SECTION 25. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College the following:

1 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 2 in Item (A) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance of
 3 roofs, in a sum not to exceed\$300,000.

4 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 5 in Item (B) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of structural
 6 corrections, in a sum not to exceed\$50,000.

7 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 8 in Item (C) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of a
 9 maintenance facility, in a sum not to exceed\$240,000.

10 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 11 in Item (D) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for switchgear replacement, in a
 12 sum not to exceed\$125,000.

13 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 14 in Item (E) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for renovation of the
 15 Administration Building, in a sum not to exceed\$250,000.

16 (F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 17 in Item (F) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of new
 18 Welding/HVAC Training Labs, in a sum not to exceed\$750,000.

19 (G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 20 in Item (G) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for air conditioning for
 21 Vocational Labs, in a sum not to exceed\$75,000.

22 (H) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 23 in Item (H) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of
 24 Entrance Closure/Reconfiguration, in a sum not to exceed\$600,000.

25 (I) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 26 in Item (I) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for demolition of old building,
 27 in a sum not to exceed\$50,000.

28 (J) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 29 in Item (J) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
 30 sum not to exceed\$460,000.

31 (K) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 32 in Item (K) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of
 33 equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$93,085.

34 (L) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
 35 in Item (L) of Section 10 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
 36 sum not to exceed\$150,000.

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2 SECTION 26. REAPPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PULASKI
3 TECHNICAL COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of
4 Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College, to be payable from the Development and
5 Enhancement Fund, for the University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College
6 the following:

7 (A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
8 in Item (A) of Section 27 of Act 80 of 2024, for sealing of windows and
9 bricks for CCB, IT/BTC and Science/Library Buildings, in a sum not to exceed
10\$350,000.

11 (B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
12 in Item (B) of Section 27 of Act 80 of 2024, for roof replacement/repair for
13 the Administrative Building, in a sum not to exceed\$300,000.

14 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
15 in Item (C) of Section 27 of Act 80 of 2024, for campus boiler replacements,
16 in a sum not to exceed\$900,000.

17 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
18 in Item (D) of Section 27 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of the
19 Center for Excellence and Innovation, in a sum not to exceed\$1,950,000.

20 (E) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
21 in Item (E) of Section 27 of Act 80 of 2024, for costs of construction of the
22 STEM Park Project, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

23 (F) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
24 in Item (F) of Section 27 of Act 80 of 2024, for critical maintenance, in a
25 sum not to exceed\$70,000.

26 (G) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
27 in Item (G) of Section 27 of Act 80 of 2024, for deferred maintenance, in a
28 sum not to exceed\$590,000.

29 (H) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
30 in Item (H) of Section 27 of Act 80 of 2024, for repair or replacement of
31 equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$518,610.

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33 SECTION 27. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
34 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
35 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
36 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and

1 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
2 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
3 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
4 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
5 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
6 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
7 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
8 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

9 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
10 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
11 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
12 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
13 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
14 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
15 otherwise by law.

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

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

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APPROVED: 2/13/25

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

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SENATE BILL 245

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE INSTITUTIONS
OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from the
Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for costs of construction of a College of Veterinary Medicine
facility, in a sum not to exceed\$4,000,000.

(B) for costs of construction of the Center for Advanced Materials and
Steel Manufacturing, in a sum not to exceed\$3,000,000.

(C) for campus buildings deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed
.....\$2,000,000.

(D) for campus wide building entrance security and card access, in a
sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$740,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$5,210,000.

(G) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$4,509,554.



(H) for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the Arkansas State University System, in a sum not to exceed\$25,000,000.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for Witherspoon interior renovation, in a sum not to exceed\$2,875,000.

(B) for utility upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$3,032,000.

(C) for technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$4,093,000.

(D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$3,620,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$4,100,000.

(F) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$1,321,412.

(G) for Collegiate Center roof replacement and interior renovation, in a sum not to exceed\$691,900.

(H) for critical maintenance for the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed\$20,000.

(I) for deferred maintenance for the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed\$210,000.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Henderson State University, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for renovation of Newberry Hall, in a sum not to exceed\$1,200,000.

(B) for Womack Hall, in a sum not to exceed\$800,000.

(C) for renovation of the Russell Fine Arts Building, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(D) for renovation of Smith Hall, in a sum not to exceed ...\$2,500,000.

(E) for renovation of Wells Gym, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(F) for renovation of Huie Library, in a sum not to exceed\$1,500,000.

(G) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$3,120,000.

(H) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$2,440,000.

(I) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$503,642.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of HVAC upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$3,783,000.
- (B) for technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$3,559,250.
- (C) for storm drain lines, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,750.
- (D) for sewer lines, in a sum not to exceed\$657,000.
- (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$540,000.
- (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$3,410,000.
- (G) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$1,227,623.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$4,900,000.
- (B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$13,600,000.
- (C) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$2,535,302.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for restoration of the Agriculture Building, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.
- (B) for restoration/addition to the John A. White, Jr. Engineering Hall, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.
- (C) for restoration of the Fine Arts Center and University Theatre, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.
- (D) for restoration of Memorial Hall, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.
- (E) for renovation of Kimpel Hall and the Office Tower, in a sum not to

1 exceed\$2,000,000.
 2 (F) for renovation of the Business Building, in a sum not to exceed
 3\$2,000,000.
 4 (G) for critical maintenance for the U of A - Fayetteville, in a sum
 5 not to exceed\$1,850,000.
 6 (H) for deferred maintenance for the U of A - Fayetteville, in a sum
 7 not to exceed\$9,010,000.
 8 (I) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
 9 holdings for the U of A - Fayetteville, in a sum not to exceed ...\$7,782,624.
 10 (J) for HVAC system replacement of the Arkansas Archeological Survey,
 11 in a sum not to exceed\$1,175,000.
 12 (K) for archeological data/object security and accessibility, in a sum
 13 not to exceed\$396,400.
 14 (L) for remote sensing and archeological object analysis, in a sum not
 15 to exceed\$306,989.
 16 (M) for critical maintenance of the Arkansas Archeological Survey, in a
 17 sum not to exceed\$120,000.
 18 (N) for deferred maintenance of the Arkansas Archeological Survey, in a
 19 sum not to exceed\$90,000.
 20 (O) for telecommunications shelter power reliability, in a sum not to
 21 exceed\$285,000.
 22 (P) for telecommunications shelter facility upgrades, in a sum not to
 23 exceed\$39,000.
 24 (Q) for telecommunications shelter security enhancements, in a sum not
 25 to exceed\$91,500.
 26 (R) for fiber optic network transmission equipment lifecycle
 27 management, in a sum not to exceed\$450,000.
 28 (S) for costs of construction of the Downtown Arts Center, in a sum not
 29 to exceed\$1,150,000.
 30 (T) for costs of construction of the Wellness Center, in a sum not to
 31 exceed\$1,000,000.
 32 (U) for STEM Research Lab upgrades, in a sum not to exceed ...\$350,000.
 33 (V) for costs of construction for System Office expansion, in a sum not
 34 to exceed\$2,198,000.
 35 (W) for renovation of the Pines Cabin, in a sum not to exceed
 36\$302,000.

(X) for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the University of Arkansas System, in a sum not to exceed\$25,000,000.

(Y) for critical maintenance for the U of A - System, in a sum not to exceed\$50,000.

(Z) for deferred maintenance for the U of A - System, in a sum not to exceed\$50,000.

(AA) for costs of construction of the Lonoke Extension Center expansion, in a sum not to exceed\$2,100,000.

(AB) for critical maintenance for the U of A - Division of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed\$910,000.

(AC) for deferred maintenance for the U of A - Division of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed\$1,930,000.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FORT SMITH. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for hazardous waste storage, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(B) for Sebastian Commons columns, in a sum not to exceed ..\$2,000,000.

(C) for renovation of the Center for Workforce Development, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(D) for cold and hot water district loops, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$940,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$1,020,000.

(G) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$747,453.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for technology infrastructure improvements, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(B) for campus security improvements, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(C) for renovation of the Speech Building, in a sum not to exceed

.....\$2,000,000.

(D) for costs of construction of the Nanotechnology Center (CINS), in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(E) for classroom technology improvements, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(F) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$14,190,000.

(G) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$8,130,000.

(H) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$2,041,488.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for costs of construction of the Allied Health Building, in a sum not to exceed\$2,500,000.

(B) for HVAC upgrades for the Memorial Classroom Building and Babin Business Center, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(C) for renovation of the Fine Arts Center, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(D) for renovation of the Music Building, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$6,520,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$2,900,000.

(G) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$543,508.

(H) for costs of construction of the Workforce/Collegiate Center on the Crossett campus, in a sum not to exceed\$2,500,000.

(I) for critical maintenance for the Crossett campus, in a sum not to exceed\$120,000.

(J) for deferred maintenance for the Crossett campus, in a sum not to exceed\$140,000.

(K) for costs of construction of the General Education Building on the McGehee campus, in a sum not to exceed\$2,500,000.

(L) for critical maintenance for the McGehee campus, in a sum not to exceed\$220,000.

(M) for deferred maintenance for the McGehee campus, in a sum not to

exceed\$170,000.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for renovation for fire protection, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(B) for renovation of dormitory, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(C) for renovation of police station, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(D) for renovation of restrooms, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(E) for domestic water upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(F) for elevator upgrades and modernization, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(G) for campus security fencing, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(H) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$540,000.

(I) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$2,390,000.

(J) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$421,268.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Central Arkansas, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for costs of construction of a multi-purpose sports facility, in a sum not to exceed\$2,500,000.

(B) for renovation/replacement of the Lewis Science Center, in a sum not to exceed\$2,500,000.

(C) for renovation of Mashburn Hall, in a sum not to exceed\$2,500,000.

(D) for renovation of Old Main, in a sum not to exceed\$2,500,000.

(E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$3,400,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$7,540,000.

(G) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$2,627,252.

SECTION 12. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor

obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

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HOUSE BILL 1493

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APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE. There is
hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Northeastern College, to be payable from
the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for renovation/replacement of the Administration Building roof, in
a sum not to exceed\$1,350,000.

(B) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$680,000.

(C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$270,000.

(D) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
sum not to exceed\$116,840.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE. There is
hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Beebe, to be payable
from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for renovation of the Owen Center, in a sum not to exceed
.....\$2,050,000.



1 (B) for renovation of State Hall, in a sum not to exceed ...\$2,000,000.
 2 (C) for expansion and update of IT infrastructure, in a sum not to
 3 exceed\$450,000.
 4 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$450,000.
 5 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$270,000.
 6 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
 7 sum not to exceed\$356,080.
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9 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MID-SOUTH.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mid-South,
 11 to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

12 (A) for classroom technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed
 13\$800,000.
 14 (B) for student laptop upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$250,000.
 15 (C) for campus security updates, in a sum not to exceed\$250,000.
 16 (D) for technology infrastructure upgrades, in a sum not to exceed
 17\$400,000.
 18 (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$110,000.
 19 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$570,000.
 20 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
 21 sum not to exceed\$82,080.
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23 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MOUNTAIN HOME.

24 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mountain
 25 Home, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

26 (A) for renovation of the Technical Center roof coating, in a sum not
 27 to exceed\$1,000,000.
 28 (B) for critical maintenance equipment project, in a sum not to exceed
 29\$1,600,000.
 30 (C) for IT infrastructure upgrades/replacement, in a sum not to exceed
 31\$300,000.
 32 (D) for the Vada Sheid Community Center, in a sum not to exceed
 33\$1,000,000.
 34 (E) for security system upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$100,000.
 35 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$310,000.
 36 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a

sum not to exceed\$156,560.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Newport, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for renovation of the Nursing and Health Professions Building on the Marked Tree campus, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(B) for renovation and remodeling of the Main Building on the Jonesboro campus, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(C) for renovation and remodeling of the Main Building on the Marked Tree campus, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(D) for Phase 2 Photovoltaic Solar Array, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$430,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$285,273.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University Three Rivers, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for workforce training expansion, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(B) for costs of construction of the Career Center Classroom Building, in a sum not to exceed\$1,380,000.

(C) for an energy management system, in a sum not to exceed ..\$400,000.

(D) for renovation of the Science Building, in a sum not to exceed\$500,000.

(E) for costs of construction of the Facilities Management Building, in a sum not to exceed\$720,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$240,000.

(G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$94,780.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Black River Technical College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 1 (A) for renovation of the RCDC Building, in a sum not to exceed
- 2\$697,500.
- 3 (B) for renovation of the "A" and "B" Buildings, in a sum not to exceed
- 4\$247,500.
- 5 (C) for renovation of the Global Education Center, in a sum not to
- 6 exceed\$225,000.
- 7 (D) for renovation of the Integrated Automation Technology Lab, in a
- 8 sum not to exceed\$382,500.
- 9 (E) for renovation of the Health Science Complex, in a sum not to
- 10 exceed\$405,000.
- 11 (F) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$70,000.
- 12 (G) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$470,000.
- 13 (H) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
- 14 sum not to exceed\$168,167.

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16 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY

17 OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Cossatot Community College

18 of the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Development and

19 Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 20 (A) for fiber optic and switch replacements, in a sum not to exceed
- 21\$475,000.
- 22 (B) for costs of construction of a multi-purpose facility/convocation
- 23 center, in a sum not to exceed\$2,955,000.
- 24 (C) for roof replacement of the Nashville Atrium, in a sum not to
- 25 exceed\$570,000.
- 26 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$100,000.
- 27 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$370,000.
- 28 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
- 29 sum not to exceed\$118,800.

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31 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE. There is hereby

32 appropriated, to the National Park College, to be payable from the

33 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 34 (A) for renovation and repair of Pedestrian Bridge (4), in a sum not to
- 35 exceed\$88,005.
- 36 (B) for renovation and replacement of the Gym Complex HVAC, in a sum

not to exceed\$343,000.
 (C) for renovation and replacement of the Gerald Fisher CC roof, in a
 sum not to exceed\$170,690.
 (D) for costs of construction of the Welding Technology Center, in a
 sum not to exceed\$3,398,305.
 (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$160,000.
 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$810,000.
 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
 sum not to exceed\$285,060.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - NORTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby
 appropriated, to the North Arkansas College, to be payable from the
 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for costs of construction for Bradley Center expansion, in a sum
 not to exceed\$2,195,000.
 (B) for technology systems improvements, in a sum not to exceed
\$1,245,000.
 (C) for the replacement of sliding glass doors, in a sum not to exceed
\$275,000.
 (D) for the renovation of tiered classrooms to comply with ADA, in a
 sum not to exceed\$285,000.
 (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$200,000.
 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$430,000.
 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
 sum not to exceed\$200,613.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Northwest Arkansas Community College, to
 be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for end point detection remediation, in a sum not to exceed
\$250,000.
 (B) for Burns Hall HVAC water units, in a sum not to exceed ..\$329,000.
 (C) for renovation of White Auditorium, in a sum not to exceed
\$277,000.
 (D) for costs of construction of Health Professions Building 2, in a
 sum not to exceed\$4,144,000.

(E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$790,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$740,000.

(G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
sum not to exceed\$773,300.

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OZARKA COLLEGE. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Ozarka College, to be payable from the Development and
Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for renovation of the Administration Building roof and HVAC, in a
sum not to exceed\$600,000.

(B) for costs of construction of the Skilled Trades Facility in Ash
Flat, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(C) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$90,000.

(D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$290,000.

(E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
sum not to exceed\$100,107.

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Phillips
Community College of the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the
Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for campus fire and security system upgrades, in a sum not to
exceed\$1,750,000.

(B) for ADA compliance improvements, in a sum not to exceed ..\$250,000.

(C) for roof repair and replacement, in a sum not to exceed ..\$700,000.

(D) for HVAC and LED efficiency upgrades, in a sum not to exceed
.....\$250,000.

(E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$620,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$1,060,000.

(G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
sum not to exceed\$133,340.

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH. There is hereby appropriated, to
the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the
following:

(A) for roof and foundation repair, in a sum not to exceed ...\$875,997.

(B) for HVAC replacement, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.
 (C) for renovation of Manning Hall and Shumaker Hall, in a sum not to
 exceed\$1,124,003.
 (D) for alarm panel upgrades, in a sum not to exceed\$175,000.
 (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$740,000.
 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$1,050,000.
 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
 sum not to exceed\$126,933.

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY.
 There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the
 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$20,000.
 (B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$20,000.

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. There is
 hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the Development and
 Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for equipment replacement, in a sum not to exceed\$91,000.
 (B) for training ground enhancements, in a sum not to exceed
\$2,172,000.
 (C) for HVAC improvements, in a sum not to exceed\$237,000.
 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$40,000.
 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$60,000.

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - SOUTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby
 appropriated, to the South Arkansas College, to be payable from the
 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for costs of construction of the Facilities Plant Building, in a
 sum not to exceed\$1,850,000.
 (B) for safety/ADA compliance upgrades, in a sum not to exceed
\$150,000.
 (C) for the Health Science Center addition, in a sum not to exceed
\$2,000,000.
 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$100,000.
 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$180,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$148,193.

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Southeast Arkansas College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for costs of construction of the SEARK Emergency Operations Center, in a sum not to exceed\$3,300,000.

(B) for campus roof replacement for Founders Hall and McGeorge Hall, in a sum not to exceed\$400,000.

(C) for renovation of the Testing Center, in a sum not to exceed\$50,000.

(D) for renovation of the Commons Building, in a sum not to exceed\$250,000.

(E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$150,000.

(F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$330,000.

(G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$132,687.

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT BATESVILLE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for renovation of the Gateway Center, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.

(B) for renovation of the Main Classroom Building, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(C) for renovation of the vehicle bridge, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$590,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$230,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$145,967.

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT HOPE-TEXARKANA. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas

Community College at Hope-Texarkana, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for HVAC replacements, in a sum not to exceed\$820,000.
- (B) for renovation of Hempstead Hall, in a sum not to exceed
.....\$300,000.
- (C) for building upgrades and maintenance, in a sum not to exceed
.....\$500,000.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$340,000.
- (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$300,000.
- (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
sum not to exceed\$97,340.

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT MORRILTON. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of construction of the Allied Health/Health Sciences Building, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.
- (B) for renovation and construction of East Campus infrastructure, in a sum not to exceed\$2,000,000.
- (C) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$210,000.
- (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$230,000.
- (E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$237,367.

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT RICH MOUNTAIN. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- (A) for costs of construction of the Health Science Facility, in a sum not to exceed\$3,209,000.
- (B) for technology upgrade of Lecture Hall, in a sum not to exceed
.....\$590,500.
- (C) for the purchase of Allied Health equipment, in a sum not to exceed
.....\$200,500.
- (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$60,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$130,000.
 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
 sum not to exceed\$88,933.

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EAST ARKANSAS
 COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of
 Arkansas East Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the Development
 and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for switchgear replacement, in a sum not to exceed\$400,000.
 (B) for structural corrections, in a sum not to exceed\$730,000.
 (C) for ground repair new FAC and LRC, in a sum not to exceed
\$375,000.
 (D) for renovation of roofs, in a sum not to exceed\$200,000.
 (E) for renovation of Admin and FAC, in a sum not to exceed ..\$575,000.
 (F) for costs of construction of new welding/HVAC training labs, in a
 sum not to exceed\$615,000.
 (G) for air conditioning for vocational labs, in a sum not to exceed
\$100,000.
 (H) for demolition of vacant buildings, in a sum not to exceed
\$500,000.
 (I) for widening the South Campus entrance, in a sum not to exceed
\$50,000.
 (J) for asphalt for part of Welcome Way, in a sum not to exceed
\$195,000.
 (K) for painting CTE shops and awnings, in a sum not to exceed
\$80,000.
 (L) for tower repair, in a sum not to exceed\$50,000.
 (M) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$40,000.
 (N) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$520,000.
 (O) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
 sum not to exceed\$100,427.

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PULASKI TECHNICAL
 COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas -
 Pulaski Technical College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement
 Fund, the following:

(A) for costs of construction of the Center for Innovation and Applied Engineering, in a sum not to exceed\$2,920,000.

(B) for renovation of the Allied Health Building, in a sum not to exceed\$1,330,000.

(C) for renovation of the Library, in a sum not to exceed\$750,000.

(D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$70,000.

(E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed\$660,000.

(F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a sum not to exceed\$647,020.

SECTION 25. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

SECTION 26. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

1 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
2 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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

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95th General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 246

By: Senator J. Dismang

By: Representatives M. Shepherd, *Evans, Beaty Jr., Brooks, Eubanks, Wardlaw, Barker, K. Brown, M. Brown, John Carr, Cavanaugh, Crawford, Gramlich, Hawk, McAlindon, McClure, S. Meeks, Nazarenko, Rose, Torres, Wing, Achor, Beck, Eaves, Unger, Andrews*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ACCESS ACT; TO AMEND
VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE AS THEY
RELATE TO EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ACCESS ACT; AND
TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE
ARKANSAS CODE AS THEY RELATE TO
EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas ACCESS Act".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-1-404(a), concerning the membership of
the School Leadership Coordinating Council, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The School Leadership Coordinating Council consists of ~~seventeen~~
~~(17)~~ the following members ~~as follows~~:

~~(1) The Chair of the Arkansas Association of Colleges for
Teacher Education Council of Deans;~~

~~(2)~~ The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education;

~~(3) The Director of the Arkansas Leadership Academy;~~

~~(4)~~ (2) The Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education;



1 ~~(5)~~(3) The Director of the Division of Career and Technical
2 Education;

3 ~~(6) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of~~
4 ~~Educational Administrators;~~

5 ~~(7) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Education~~
6 ~~Association;~~

7 ~~(8) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School Boards~~
8 ~~Association;~~

9 ~~(9) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association for~~
10 ~~Supervision and Curriculum Development;~~

11 ~~(10) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Rural Ed~~
12 ~~Association;~~

13 ~~(11) A representative from the Arkansas Professors of~~
14 ~~Educational Administration;~~

15 ~~(12) A representative from the Arkansas Center for Executive~~
16 ~~Leadership;~~

17 ~~(13) A representative from an education service cooperative;~~

18 ~~(14) A representative from the Arkansas Public School Resource~~
19 ~~Center, Inc.;~~

20 ~~(15) A representative from the Arkansas State Teachers~~
21 ~~Association;~~

22 ~~(16)~~(4) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education or the
23 chair's designee; and

24 ~~(17)~~(5) The Chair of the House Committee on Education or the
25 chair's designee; and

26 (6) Other stakeholders as deemed necessary by the members
27 designated under subdivisions (a)(1)-(5) of this section.

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29 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-1-404(d), concerning meetings of the
30 School Leadership Coordinating Council, is amended to read as follows:

31 (d)(1) The council shall meet at the times and places that the Chair
32 of the School Leadership Coordinating Council deems necessary but no less
33 than four (4) times per year.

34 (2) ~~Seven~~ ~~(7)~~ A majority of the members of the council shall
35 constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

36 (3) All actions of the council are by quorum.

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2 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 5, Subchapter 11 is
3 repealed.

4 ~~Subchapter 11—Council on Postsecondary Education and Career Readiness~~

5 ~~6-5-1101. Legislative intent.~~

6 ~~The General Assembly finds that:~~

7 ~~(1) Public schools should help all students:~~

8 ~~(A) Have the reading, writing, and mathematics skills~~
9 ~~needed to succeed in all first-year coursework in associate and baccalaureate~~
10 ~~degree programs in non-mathematics-based majors; and~~

11 ~~(B) Be ready for as many career options as possible by~~
12 ~~having a base level of employability; and~~

13 ~~(2) The development of college and career readiness standards~~
14 ~~should be undertaken as an integrative process among:~~

15 ~~(A) The General Assembly;~~

16 ~~(B) State agencies that regulate and support the public~~
17 ~~educational systems of the state;~~

18 ~~(C) Kindergarten, elementary, secondary, and postsecondary~~
19 ~~educational institutions; and~~

20 ~~(D) The public.~~

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22 ~~6-5-1102. Council on Postsecondary Education and Career Readiness~~
23 ~~established—Membership—Meetings.~~

24 ~~(a) This subchapter establishes the Council on Postsecondary Education~~
25 ~~and Career Readiness to facilitate the collaboration of kindergarten,~~
26 ~~elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educational institutions in Arkansas~~
27 ~~in developing college and career readiness standards that align school~~
28 ~~curriculum and graduation standards with postsecondary education requirements~~
29 ~~and business community expectations for employability.~~

30 ~~(b) The council shall consist of eleven (11) members as follows:~~

31 ~~(1) The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education or~~
32 ~~his or her designee;~~

33 ~~(2) The Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education or his~~
34 ~~or her designee;~~

35 ~~(3) The Director of the Division of Career and Technical~~
36 ~~Education or his or her designee;~~

1 ~~(4) The Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~
2 ~~or his or her designee;~~

3 ~~(5) The Director of the Division of Workforce Services or his or~~
4 ~~her designee;~~

5 ~~(6) A president or chancellor of an Arkansas four-year~~
6 ~~institution of higher education or his or her designee, appointed annually by~~
7 ~~the Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education;~~

8 ~~(7) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of~~
9 ~~Educational Administrators or his or her designee;~~

10 ~~(8) The Executive Director of Arkansas Community Colleges or his~~
11 ~~or her designee;~~

12 ~~(9) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Education Association~~
13 ~~or his or her designee;~~

14 ~~(10) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School Boards~~
15 ~~Association or his or her designee; and~~

16 ~~(11) The President of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and~~
17 ~~the Associated Industries of Arkansas or his or her designee.~~

18 ~~(c)(1) The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education or his~~
19 ~~or her designee shall call the first meeting of the council and serve as~~
20 ~~chair for the first meeting.~~

21 ~~(2) The first meeting shall occur within thirty (30) days of the~~
22 ~~effective date of this subchapter.~~

23 ~~(d) At the first meeting of the council and annually thereafter, the~~
24 ~~voting members of the council shall elect one (1) member to serve as chair~~
25 ~~for one (1) year.~~

26 ~~(e)(1) All members are voting members except the chair, who may vote~~
27 ~~only to break a tie vote.~~

28 ~~(2) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the~~
29 ~~transaction of business.~~

30 ~~(f) The council shall meet at least three (3) times in a calendar~~
31 ~~year.~~

32 ~~(g) The Department of Education shall provide meeting space and staff~~
33 ~~for the council.~~

34 ~~(h) Council members shall serve without pay and shall not receive~~
35 ~~expense reimbursement except from the agency or institution employing the~~
36 ~~member.~~

~~6-5-1103. Powers and duties.~~

~~(a) The Council on Postsecondary Education and Career Readiness shall:~~

~~(1) Develop a unified strategy to:~~

~~(A) Reduce remediation rates among high school graduates entering postsecondary education by at least fifty percent (50%) by the year 2020; and~~

~~(B) Increase postsecondary graduation and completion rates;~~

~~(2)(A) Support college and career readiness standards that:~~

~~(i) Require higher performance levels than those currently required for high school graduation; and~~

~~(ii) Promote accelerated learning opportunities, including without limitation Advanced Placement courses, concurrent credit opportunities, and other accelerated opportunities with college or vocational-technical school assistance to ensure that all students have the skills to be successful in either employment or postsecondary education.~~

~~(B) College and career readiness standards shall be implemented with the understanding that until July 1, 2022, interim high school graduation standards may be used until the high school graduation standards adopted by the State Board of Education are equal to the college and career readiness standards;~~

~~(3) Develop a successful transition to work matrix that schools and students may use to help students develop employment skills;~~

~~(4) Develop guidelines for secondary school intervention programs and transitional courses;~~

~~(5) Develop guidelines for professional development for teachers of transitional courses and opportunities for collaboration among high school, vocational-technical school, and college faculty to ensure that transitional courses target gaps in students' college and career readiness skills; and~~

~~(6) Provide the reports required under this subchapter.~~

~~(b)(1) The council shall establish working groups of its members, or staff of the agencies or institutions employing the members, to direct the planning process and strategic implementation of its plans.~~

~~(2) The working groups shall:~~

1 ~~(A) Develop goals and action plans;~~
2 ~~(B) Identify resources; and~~
3 ~~(C) Determine expected outcomes to measure for each~~
4 ~~strategy promoting college and career readiness and postsecondary completion.~~

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6 ~~6-5-1104. Reporting requirements.~~

7 ~~(a) By June 30, 2014, the Council on Postsecondary Education and~~
8 ~~Career Readiness shall:~~

9 ~~(1) Develop a written plan to reduce remediation rates and~~
10 ~~increase postsecondary graduation rates, including without limitation:~~

11 ~~(A) Annual goals;~~

12 ~~(B) Action strategies;~~

13 ~~(C) Assigned responsibilities for implementing strategies;~~

14 ~~(D) Timelines; and~~

15 ~~(E) Reporting mechanisms;~~

16 ~~(2) Provide the written plan to:~~

17 ~~(A) The House Committee on Education and the Senate~~
18 ~~Committee on Education;~~

19 ~~(B) The board of directors of each school district and~~
20 ~~open-enrollment charter school in this state; and~~

21 ~~(C) The governing board of each state-supported~~
22 ~~institution of higher education in this state; and~~

23 ~~(3) Encourage each school district board of directors and the~~
24 ~~governing board of each state-supported institution of higher education in~~
25 ~~the state to participate in the council's plan and to work collaboratively to~~
26 ~~reduce the remediation rates and further postsecondary graduation and~~
27 ~~completion rates.~~

28 ~~(b) By June 30, 2015, and annually thereafter, the council shall~~
29 ~~report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on~~
30 ~~Education:~~

31 ~~(1) The progress of the council's work for the year; and~~

32 ~~(2) Its recommendations, which may include without limitation~~
33 ~~proposals for legislative action.~~

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35 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12 is amended
36 to read as follows:

Subchapter 12 – ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ Accelerated Learning

6-5-1201. ~~Established Definition.~~

~~There is established the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.~~

As used in this subchapter, “accelerated learning” means an organized method of learning that enables a student to meet individual academic goals and graduation requirements while pursuing higher levels of skill development, including without limitation the following coursework:

(1) A College Board pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement course;

(2) An International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course;

(3) A Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education course;

(4) A concurrent credit course; and

(5) A substantively similar course or program approved by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

6-5-1202. Purpose of ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning – Grant funding.

(a) The purpose of ~~the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning is to:

(1) Prepare more students for:

(A) Success in higher education;

(B) Postsecondary training; and

~~Careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics~~ High-wage, high-demand careers;

(2) Increase the number of students who graduate from institutions of higher education; and

(3) Support and enhance ~~Advanced Placement~~ accelerated learning initiatives already operating in the state.

(b)(1) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall provide grant funding to organizations that implement measures to achieve the goals of ~~the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning as determined by the division.

1 (2) ~~An organization that receives grant funding to implement the~~
2 ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program under this subchapter~~
3 ~~shall:~~

4 (A) ~~Be affiliated with the National Math and Science~~
5 ~~Initiative; and~~

6 (B) ~~Have demonstrated success with an Advanced Placement~~
7 ~~Training and Incentive Program.~~

8 (3) An organization that receives grant funding to provide the
9 ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning may
10 without limitation:

11 (A) Develop public-private partnerships to advance math
12 and science learning opportunities;

13 (B) Generate revenue from public or private sector
14 entities to support other opportunities; ~~or~~ and

15 (C) Accept grants, donations, gifts, or bequests.

16 (c) Grant funding provided by the division to an organization under
17 this subchapter shall be used to:

18 (1) Support and enhance ~~the Advanced Placement Training and~~
19 ~~Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning;

20 (2) Pay for personal services and operating expenses required to
21 carry out ~~the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated
22 learning; and

23 (3) Pay for technology, materials, assessments, and other
24 resources used in ~~the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~
25 accelerated learning.

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27 6-5-1203. Components and goals of ~~Advanced Placement Training and~~
28 ~~Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning.

29 (a) ~~The Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ Accelerated
30 learning shall:

31 (1) Provide ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning content
32 directors to work, mentor, and provide resources to ~~advanced placement and~~
33 ~~pre-advanced placement~~ accelerated learning teachers in the areas of:

34 (A) Mathematics;

35 (B) Science; and

36 (C) English;

1 (2) Provide nationally recognized professional development for
2 ~~advanced placement and pre-advanced placement~~ accelerated learning teachers
3 that will enhance the knowledge and pedagogical skills of the teachers; and

4 (3) Develop and provide materials and resources for ~~advanced~~
5 ~~placement and pre-advanced placement~~ accelerated learning teachers.

6 (b) The overall goal of the ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive~~
7 ~~Program~~ accelerated learning is to:

8 (1) Increase the number of students enrolled in ~~Advanced~~
9 ~~Placement~~ accelerated learning mathematics, science, and English;

10 (2) ~~Increase the number of students who score three (3) or more~~
11 ~~on Advanced Placement exams;~~

12 ~~(3) Reduce the participation gaps and performance gaps in~~
13 ~~Advanced Placement classes between African American, Hispanic, and Caucasian~~
14 ~~students;~~

15 ~~(4) Help public high schools~~ Ensure school districts develop
16 strong and successful ~~Advanced Placement programs~~ accelerated learning for
17 public high schools;

18 ~~(5)(3)~~ Enhance and augment ~~Advanced Placement~~ accelerated
19 learning policies and initiatives in Arkansas;

20 ~~(6)(4)~~ Provide the ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive~~
21 ~~Program~~ accelerated learning in every public high school ~~that elects to~~
22 ~~participate~~ and strengthen its ~~Advanced Placement program~~ accelerated
23 learning; and

24 ~~(7)~~ (5) Increase the number of students prepared to enter
25 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields in higher education
26 or related training and occupations.

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28 6-5-1204. Participation in ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive~~
29 ~~Program~~ accelerated learning.

30 (a) An organization that receives grant funding to provide the
31 ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning shall
32 publish a list of program fees on or before June 1 each year.

33 (b) A public high school is eligible to participate in the ~~Advanced~~
34 ~~Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning.

35 (c)~~(1)~~ A public high school ~~that chooses to participate in the~~
36 ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ school's accelerated

1 learning shall pay a ~~participation and~~ the required service fee determined by
2 the organization.

3 ~~(2) A public high school may choose either to participate fully~~
4 ~~in the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program or to participate on~~
5 ~~a limited basis, in which case the public high school shall pay a fee for~~
6 ~~each service the public high school elects to use.~~

7
8 6-5-1205. Funding for accelerated learning.

9 (a) Contingent upon legislative appropriations and based on criteria
10 established by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, a school
11 that is offering accelerated learning may be awarded a one-time equipment and
12 instructional materials grant for providing an accelerated learning course.

13 (b) Contingent upon legislative appropriation and the availability of
14 funding, the state may pay in full or on a pro rata basis the cost of the
15 accelerated learning test fees.

16 (c) The State Board of Education may promulgate rules to implement
17 this subchapter.

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19 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-13-629(a)(3)-(5), concerning the training
20 and instruction regarding interpretation of audit reports that school board
21 of directors members must receive, is amended to read as follows:

22 (3)(A) The training and instruction required under this section
23 shall include:

24 (i) Topics relevant to school laws and school
25 operations;

26 (ii) The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the
27 members of ~~the~~ a board of directors, including without limitation:

28 (a) Legal requirements, including without
29 limitation:

30 (1) The items listed or required by the
31 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee under § 6-1-101; and

32 (2) Other financial laws, rules, or
33 federal regulations designated by the Division of Elementary and Secondary
34 Education;

35 (b) Role differentiation;

36 (c) Financial management, including without

1 limitation how to read and interpret an audit report; and

2 (d) Improving student achievement; and

3 (iii) Information regarding school safety and
4 student discipline.

5 (B) The training or instruction on how to read and
6 interpret an audit report required under subdivision (a)(3)(A)(ii)(c) of this
7 section shall be conducted:

8 (i) By a person who:

9 (a) Is licensed to practice accounting by the
10 Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy;

11 (b) Has prior experience in conducting a
12 school district financial audit;

13 (c) Is not an employee of Arkansas Legislative
14 Audit unless the training or instruction is conducted for the boards of
15 directors of multiple school districts; and

16 (d) Is not the person conducting the annual
17 audit or other financial audit of the school district unless the training or
18 instruction is presented in a large group setting sponsored by a statewide or
19 regional organization that is attended by multiple school districts;

20 (ii) Under the consultation or supervision of an
21 individual who qualifies under subdivision (a)(3)(B)(i) of this section as
22 part of a program that is provided:

23 (a) By an institution of higher education
24 located in Arkansas; or

25 (b) From instruction sponsored or approved by
26 the Department of Education; ~~or~~

27 ~~(c) By an in-service training conducted by or~~
28 ~~through the Arkansas School Boards Association; and~~

29 (iii) By electronic means or in person, or both.

30 (4) Hours of training and instruction obtained in excess of the
31 minimum requirements each year may accumulate and be carried forward from
32 year to year.

33 (5) This instruction may be received from an institution of
34 higher education in this state, or from instruction sponsored or approved by
35 the ~~Department of Education, or by an in-service training program conducted~~
36 ~~by or through the Arkansas School Boards Association~~ department.

1
2 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-13-808 is repealed.

3 ~~6-13-808. The Arkansas Traveling Teacher Program.~~

4 ~~(a) The Arkansas Traveling Teacher Program is hereby established and~~
5 ~~shall be administered by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education~~
6 ~~with the assistance of public school districts and education service~~
7 ~~cooperatives.~~

8 ~~(b)(1) Pursuant to the provisions of this section, and to the extent~~
9 ~~sufficient funding is available, the following persons and public school~~
10 ~~districts may enter into an agreement to provide traveling teacher services~~
11 ~~for one (1) or more receiving school districts for one (1) or more courses~~
12 ~~required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and~~
13 ~~School Districts and any Advanced Placement courses required by § 6-16-1204.~~

14 ~~(A) A traveling teacher who is appropriately licensed in~~
15 ~~Arkansas as a teacher and employed on a full-time equivalent basis by a host~~
16 ~~school district;~~

17 ~~(B) A host school district that is an Arkansas public~~
18 ~~school district with a student population of eight thousand (8,000) students~~
19 ~~or fewer and that desires to provide traveling teacher services to a~~
20 ~~receiving school district; and~~

21 ~~(C) A receiving school district that is a public school~~
22 ~~district other than the host school district and that desires to receive~~
23 ~~traveling teacher services.~~

24 ~~(2) The parties shall enter into a written agreement, in the~~
25 ~~form established by the division, that shall include without limitation the~~
26 ~~following:~~

27 ~~(A) That the traveling teacher is to provide professional~~
28 ~~teaching services to the receiving school district for one (1) or more~~
29 ~~required courses;~~

30 ~~(B) The amount of the bonus to be provided to the~~
31 ~~traveling teacher under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section;~~

32 ~~(C) For each course to be taught under the agreement:~~

33 ~~(i) A description of the course;~~

34 ~~(ii) The time and day for teaching each course; and~~

35 ~~(iii) The exact location where the course will be~~
36 ~~taught;~~

1 ~~(D)(i) Whether the agreement is for a school semester or a~~
2 ~~school year.~~

3 ~~(ii) No agreement shall be for a time period longer~~
4 ~~than a school year or shorter than a school semester;~~

5 ~~(E)(i) That the receiving school district will reimburse~~
6 ~~the host school district for the time the traveling teacher is not working in~~
7 ~~the host school district.~~

8 ~~(ii) The reimbursement shall be the receiving school~~
9 ~~district's pro rata share of the traveling teacher's time based on the hourly~~
10 ~~rate of the traveling teacher's contract with the host school district;~~

11 ~~(F) That at all times during the period of the agreement,~~
12 ~~the traveling teacher is an employee of the host school district and is~~
13 ~~subject to the personnel policies and contractual obligations of the host~~
14 ~~school district; and~~

15 ~~(G)(i) That sufficient time will be allowed for the~~
16 ~~traveling teacher to travel to and from the host school district and the~~
17 ~~receiving school district.~~

18 ~~(ii) The division shall not approve an agreement~~
19 ~~under this section unless the agreement requires the traveling teacher to be~~
20 ~~physically present in the receiving school district while the traveling~~
21 ~~teacher is teaching any course specified in the agreement.~~

22 ~~(3) The agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the division~~
23 ~~under subsection (f) of this section.~~

24 ~~(c) To the extent the agreement is approved by the division:~~

25 ~~(1)(A) Upon completion of the traveling teacher's services~~
26 ~~provided under the agreement and under the terms of the agreement, the host~~
27 ~~school district shall pay the traveling teacher, in addition to the amount~~
28 ~~required by the teacher's annual teacher's contract with the host school~~
29 ~~district a bonus of either:~~

30 ~~(i) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a semester~~
31 ~~agreement; or~~

32 ~~(ii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a full school~~
33 ~~year agreement.~~

34 ~~(B) The division shall reimburse the host school district~~
35 ~~for the amount of bonus paid to the traveling teacher; and~~

36 ~~(2)(A) The host school district shall reimburse the traveling~~

1 ~~teacher for expenses related to travel to and from a receiving school~~
2 ~~district at the appropriate state rate of reimbursement in existence and~~
3 ~~approved by the Department of Finance and Administration for the school year~~
4 ~~in which the traveling teacher's services are provided.~~

5 ~~(B) The division shall reimburse the host school district~~
6 ~~for the amount of travel reimbursement paid by the host school district to~~
7 ~~the traveling teacher.~~

8 ~~(d) Neither the division nor the State of Arkansas shall be obligated~~
9 ~~or liable to reimburse any bonus or travel expenses incurred under an~~
10 ~~agreement for traveling teacher services under this section if the division~~
11 ~~has not reviewed and approved the entire agreement.~~

12 ~~(e) The division may, if feasible and if funding is available,~~
13 ~~establish an online registry of public school teachers willing to enter into~~
14 ~~an agreement for traveling teacher services under this section with~~
15 ~~information concerning the teacher's employing school district and any course~~
16 ~~the teacher is qualified to teach.~~

17 ~~(f)(1) All proposed agreements among a host school district, a~~
18 ~~receiving school district, and a traveling teacher shall be submitted to the~~
19 ~~division by a date certain for review and approval by the division.~~

20 ~~(2) The division shall review each agreement with all requisite~~
21 ~~authority to approve or deny the agreement based on the provisions of law,~~
22 ~~rule, availability of funding, and discretionary determination as to the best~~
23 ~~use of state resources and funding.~~

24 ~~(3) The division shall endeavor to consider approval of an~~
25 ~~agreement to:~~

26 ~~(A) Place a traveling teacher with a receiving school~~
27 ~~district to maximize the efficiency of the traveling teacher's service to~~
28 ~~both the host and receiving school districts; and~~

29 ~~(B) Minimize the extent and duration of any travel~~
30 ~~required.~~

31 ~~(g)(1) The division shall establish any rules and agreement forms~~
32 ~~necessary for the administration of the Arkansas Traveling Teacher Program.~~

33 ~~(2) In establishing the rules, the division shall:~~

34 ~~(A) Prioritize the approval of agreements for traveling~~
35 ~~teacher services based on subject area course needs;~~

36 ~~(B) Establish appropriate travel limitations;~~

1 ~~(C) Develop a method of equitable distribution of~~
2 ~~traveling teachers among the area's education service cooperatives; and~~

3 ~~(D) Provide a means by which education service~~
4 ~~cooperatives may assist in facilitating traveling teachers.~~

5 ~~(h) No provision of this section is intended or should be interpreted~~
6 ~~to waive any immunity or defense of the State of Arkansas or its various~~
7 ~~agencies, boards, or commissions and no person shall be deemed to have any~~
8 ~~legal entitlement, recourse, or cause of action against the State of Arkansas~~
9 ~~or its various agencies, boards, or commissions based on the terms,~~
10 ~~conditions, or provisions of this section.~~

11 ~~(i) [Repealed.]~~

12
13 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-15-202(f)(21), *concerning reporting of*
14 *statutory requirements of accelerated learning by a superintendent*, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16
17 (21) Section 6-16-1201 et seq. and § 6-5-1201 et seq. concerning
18 ~~advanced placement and concurrent enrollment~~ accelerated learning;

19
20 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 6-15-214 is amended to read as follows:
21 6-15-214. ~~Advanced placement~~ Accelerated learning course counted as
22 core curriculum course taught.

23 (a) The purpose of this section is to assist small, rural public
24 schools in providing students access to the most rigorous courses available
25 if it is the desire of students to take ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated
26 learning courses in the place of regular courses and, in doing so, to meet
27 the requirements of the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public
28 Schools and School Districts.

29 (b)(1) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education acknowledges
30 that the rigor and level of difficulty of ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated
31 learning courses exceed the requirements of regular courses.

32 (2) ~~Such rigor and level of difficulty are validated through the~~
33 ~~required advanced placement audit and advanced placement examinations~~ All
34 accelerated learning courses shall meet the approved program requirements.

35 (3) The State Board of Education may deny courses that do not
36 meet the approved program requirements.

1 (c) The ~~State Board of Education~~ state board shall consider an
2 ~~advanced-placement~~ accelerated learning course as being taught for one (1) of
3 the required courses under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public
4 Schools and School Districts if:

5 (1) The public school district has a qualified teacher for the
6 required course;

7 (2) No students enrolled in the required course;

8 (3) An ~~advanced-placement~~ accelerated learning course in the
9 same subject area as the required course has students enrolled in the
10 ~~advanced-placement~~ accelerated learning course;

11 (4) The public school district teaches all other courses
12 required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and
13 School Districts; and

14 (5)(A) The public school district teaches the required course to
15 any student who enrolls in the public school district after the school year
16 begins.

17 (B) The public school district may teach the required
18 course to a new student:

19 (i) In a traditional classroom setting;

20 (ii) Through distance learning with a qualified
21 teacher; or

22 (iii) By modifying the ~~advanced-placement~~ accelerated
23 learning course on an individual level to accommodate the new student.

24 (d)(1) The public school district shall notify the division after
25 registration in the spring before the beginning of the new school year and
26 immediately after the school year begins if no students enrolled in the
27 required course and the public school district will seek to meet the
28 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts
29 using the ~~advanced-placement~~ accelerated learning course.

30 (2) Upon receiving the public school district notification and
31 after spring registration, the division shall permit the public school
32 district to meet the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools
33 and School Districts by teaching the ~~advanced-placement~~ accelerated learning
34 course in place of the required course.

35 (e) If a new student enrolls in the required course, the public school
36 district shall immediately notify the division.

1 (f) The division shall establish procedures to ensure that no student
2 is coerced into taking an ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning course for
3 the purpose of meeting the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public
4 Schools and School Districts.

5
6 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 6-15-215 is repealed.

7 ~~6-15-215. The Arkansas Smart Core Incentive Funding Program—~~
8 ~~Definitions.~~

9 ~~(a) The General Assembly finds that:~~

10 ~~(1) The skills and knowledge gained through Arkansas's Smart~~
11 ~~Core curriculum provide the academic foundation required for high school~~
12 ~~graduates to succeed in their first year of college or in a job that promises~~
13 ~~a well-paying career track; and~~

14 ~~(2) School districts should encourage all students who are~~
15 ~~capable of completing the Smart Core curriculum to do so.~~

16 ~~(b) As used in this section:~~

17 ~~(1) "Eligible high school" means each public high school in a~~
18 ~~school district that meets the criteria to receive incentive funding under~~
19 ~~subsection (f) of this section and the program rules adopted under this~~
20 ~~section by the State Board of Education;~~

21 ~~(2) "Smart Core" means the curriculum established by the~~
22 ~~Division of Elementary and Secondary Education under the Standards for~~
23 ~~Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts that is part of~~
24 ~~Smart Future, a state initiative focused on improving Arkansas public high~~
25 ~~schools for all students; and~~

26 ~~(3) "Smart Core graduate" means a student who graduated from an~~
27 ~~Arkansas public high school after having successfully completed the Smart~~
28 ~~Core curriculum.~~

29 ~~(c) The Arkansas Smart Core Incentive Funding Program is established~~
30 ~~to provide a financial incentive to:~~

31 ~~(1) Assist with a public high school's efforts to encourage~~
32 ~~public high school students to complete the Smart Core curriculum;~~

33 ~~(2) Promote programs that contribute to student success,~~
34 ~~including without limitation:~~

35 ~~(A) Tutoring;~~

36 ~~(B) Quality after-school and summer programs that may~~

1 ~~include literacy, math, and science specialists in elementary school; and~~

2 ~~(C) Professional development for mathematics, science,~~

3 ~~literacy, foreign language, and Advanced Placement instruction; and~~

4 ~~(3) Provide support to school counselors to improve student~~
5 ~~services.~~

6 ~~(d)(1)(A) A school district that receives incentive funding under this~~
7 ~~section shall provide the incentive funding to each eligible high school in~~
8 ~~the school district.~~

9 ~~(B) The eligible high school shall spend the incentive~~
10 ~~funding only for the purposes identified in subsection (c) of this section.~~

11 ~~(2) A school district that receives incentive funding under the~~
12 ~~program shall not use the incentive funding to provide increases to the~~
13 ~~salary schedule of the school district.~~

14 ~~(e)(1) Subject to an appropriation and available funding for the~~
15 ~~program, the division shall pay incentive funding to a school district under~~
16 ~~this section based on an annual percentage of Smart Core graduates from a~~
17 ~~public high school in the school district.~~

18 ~~(2)(A) The division shall make the calculation based on a~~
19 ~~student record analysis conducted annually by the division beginning with the~~
20 ~~graduating class of 2010.~~

21 ~~(B) The division shall exclude from the student record~~
22 ~~analysis a student with an individualized education program that does not~~
23 ~~require the student to complete the Smart Core curriculum.~~

24 ~~(f)(1) By June 30 of each year, the division shall pay to a school~~
25 ~~district incentive funding under the program as follows:~~

26 ~~(A) If one hundred percent (100%) of a public high~~
27 ~~school's graduates in the immediately preceding school year completed the~~
28 ~~Smart Core curriculum, the school district where the public high school is~~
29 ~~located shall receive one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125) per Smart Core~~
30 ~~graduate;~~

31 ~~(B) If at least ninety five percent (95%) but less than~~
32 ~~one hundred percent (100%) of a public high school's graduates in the~~
33 ~~immediately preceding school year completed the Smart Core curriculum, the~~
34 ~~school district where the public high school is located shall receive one~~
35 ~~hundred dollars (\$100) per Smart Core graduate; and~~

36 ~~(C) If at least ninety percent (90%) but less than ninety-~~

~~five percent (95%) of a public high school's graduates in the immediately preceding school year completed the Smart Core curriculum, the school district where the public high school is located shall receive fifty dollars (\$50.00) per Smart Core graduate.~~

~~(2) The division shall not pay incentive funding to a school district for a public high school in which less than ninety percent (90%) of its graduates complete the Smart Core curriculum.~~

~~(3) If a public high school's graduation rate falls below the average graduation rate for the public high school for the previous three (3) school years, the school district is not eligible to receive the full incentive award under the program for the public high school.~~

~~(g) Participation in the program is voluntary.~~

~~(h) This section is effective from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2020.~~

SECTION 11. Arkansas Code §§ 6-15-901 and 6-15-902 are amended to read as follows:

6-15-901. Definition.

For the purposes of this subchapter, ~~"advanced placement course accelerated learning"~~ means a course of instruction that qualifies for college credit and that is approved for credit as a high school course by the State Board of Education an organized method of learning that enables a student to meet individual academic goals and graduation requirements while pursuing higher levels of skill development, including without limitation the following coursework:

(1) A College Board pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement course;

(2) An International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course;

(3) A Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education course;

(4) A concurrent credit course; and

(5) A substantively similar course or program approved by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

6-15-902. Grading scale – Exemptions – Special education classes.

(a) The following grading scale shall be used by all public secondary

1 schools in the state for all courses, except ~~Advanced Placement~~ accelerated
2 learning courses, and approved courses for weighted credit, ~~and courses~~
3 ~~offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme:~~

- 4 (1) A = 90-100;
- 5 (2) B = 80-89;
- 6 (3) C = 70-79;
- 7 (4) D = 60-69; and
- 8 (5) F = 59 and below.

9 (b)(1) Each letter grade shall be given a numeric value for the
10 purpose of determining grade average.

11 (2) Except for ~~Advanced Placement~~ accelerated learning courses,
12 and approved courses for weighted credit, ~~courses offered under the~~
13 ~~International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, and honors courses,~~ the
14 numeric value for each letter grade shall be:

- 15 (A) A = 4 points;
- 16 (B) B = 3 points;
- 17 (C) C = 2 points;
- 18 (D) D = 1 point; and
- 19 (E) F = 0 points.

20 (c)(1) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for
21 accelerated learning and approved courses for weighted credit that address
22 the following:

23 (A) ~~Adopt appropriate equivalents for advanced placement~~
24 ~~and college courses; and~~

25 (B) ~~Recommend a uniform grading structure for honors~~
26 ~~courses.~~

27 (2) ~~Weighted credit shall be allowed for advanced placement~~
28 ~~courses and courses offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma~~
29 ~~Programme if:~~

30 (A) ~~The student takes the entire Advanced Placement course~~
31 ~~or the entire course offered in the International Baccalaureate Diploma~~
32 ~~Programme in a particular subject;~~

33 (B) ~~The student completes the applicable test offered by~~
34 ~~the College Board for advanced placement courses at the end of the advanced~~
35 ~~placement course or the applicable test offered by the International~~
36 ~~Baccalaureate at the time prescribed by the organization; and~~

1 ~~(C)(i) A teacher of an advanced placement course meets~~
2 ~~Arkansas teacher licensure requirements and:~~

3 ~~(a) Attends at least one (1) of the following~~
4 ~~trainings no less than one (1) time every five (5) years:~~

5 ~~(1) College Board Advanced Placement~~
6 ~~Summer Institute;~~

7 ~~(2) College Board endorsed training; or~~

8 ~~(3) Other similarly rigorous training~~
9 ~~approved by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education; or~~

10 ~~(b) Completes an additional training plan for~~
11 ~~Advanced Placement within three (3) years of commencing the additional~~
12 ~~training plan; or~~

13 ~~(ii) A teacher of a course offered under the~~
14 ~~International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme meets Arkansas teacher~~
15 ~~licensure requirements and attends the training required by the International~~
16 ~~Baccalaureate Standards;~~

17 (B) Grading scales;

18 (C) A numeric value for the purpose of determining grade
19 average; and

20 (D) Weight given to the numeric value as provided in
21 subdivision (b)(2) of this section.

22 ~~(3)(2)~~ The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education ~~may~~
23 shall approve a course for weighted credit if the course:

24 (A) Exceeds the curriculum standards for a nonweighted
25 credit class; ~~or~~

26 (B) Meets or exceeds the standards of a comparable
27 ~~advanced placement class~~ accelerated learning course; or

28 (C) Is identified by the Division of Elementary and
29 Secondary Education as an honors class.

30 ~~(4)(A)(3)(A)~~ The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
31 in collaboration with the Division of Career and Technical Education may
32 approve a career and technical course within an approved career and technical
33 pathway for weighted credit if the course:

34 (i) Exceeds the curriculum standards for a
35 nonweighted class; and

36 (ii) Leads to an approved industry-recognized

1 certification or concurrent credit.

2 (B) The Division of Career and Technical Education shall:

3 (i) Review new and existing career and technical
4 pathways to determine which courses within the career and technical pathways
5 meet criteria for weighted credit; and

6 (ii) Publish a list of approved career and technical
7 pathways annually by January 1.

8 (C) Criteria used to determine what courses within a
9 career and technical pathway shall receive weighted credit shall include
10 without limitation the consideration of career and technical pathways that:

11 (i) Lead to high-value industry credentials; and

12 (ii) Align to state and local workforce data.

13 (D) Weighted credit awarded under subdivision ~~(e)(4)(A)~~
14 (c)(3)(A) of this section shall be awarded for each course upon:

15 (i) Completing the relevant career and technical
16 pathway; and

17 (ii) Earning the high-value industry credential
18 aligned with the career and technical pathway.

19 ~~(5)(A) A local school district board of directors may adopt a~~
20 ~~policy to allow high school students in the public school district to take~~
21 ~~college courses for weighted credit equal to the numeric grade awarded in~~
22 ~~Advanced Placement courses, courses offered under the International~~
23 ~~Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, and honors classes.~~

24 ~~(B)(i) If a local school district board of directors~~
25 ~~adopts a policy under subdivision (e)(5)(A) of this section, the school~~
26 ~~district shall apply to the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education~~
27 ~~for approval.~~

28 ~~(ii) An application under subdivision (e)(5)(B)(i) of~~
29 ~~this section shall be reviewed for approval to assign a numeric grade value,~~
30 ~~which may include weighted credit, based on the following:~~

31 ~~(a) A letter from the superintendent of the~~
32 ~~public school district or principal of the public school describing how the~~
33 ~~course exceeds expectations for coursework required under the Standards for~~
34 ~~Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts; and~~

35 ~~(b) The grade level or levels of public school~~
36 ~~students who will be enrolled in the course.~~

1 (d) ~~A public school district may use the grading scale in this section~~
2 ~~in the public school district's elementary schools.~~

3 ~~(e)~~ The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may promulgate
4 rules to implement this section.

5
6 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1004(b)(2)(C), concerning the
7 continuing education and professional development requirement under the
8 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 (C) For purposes of the requirement for continuing
11 education and professional development under this section, each hour of
12 training received by licensed personnel related to teaching an ~~advanced~~
13 ~~placement class for a subject covered by the College Board and Educational~~
14 ~~Testing Service~~ accelerated learning course shall be counted as professional
15 development up to a maximum of thirty (30) hours.

16
17 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1301(b)(1), concerning the membership
18 of the Safe Schools Committee under the Safe Schools Initiative Act, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (b)(1) The Safe Schools Committee shall be composed of ~~the following~~
21 ~~individuals~~ and stakeholders deemed necessary and appointed by the
22 Commissioner of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education;

23 ~~(A) One (1) classroom teacher appointed by the Arkansas~~
24 ~~Education Association;~~

25 ~~(B) Two (2) school administrators appointed by the~~
26 ~~Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;~~

27 ~~(C) Two (2) school district board members appointed by the~~
28 ~~Arkansas School Boards Association;~~

29 ~~(D) A staff member of the division appointed by the~~
30 ~~Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education;~~

31 ~~(E) A school safety specialist, employed by an Arkansas~~
32 ~~school district, appointed by the commissioner;~~

33 ~~(F) One (1) school counselor appointed by the Arkansas~~
34 ~~Counseling Association;~~

35 ~~(G) The Director of the Criminal Justice Institute and of~~
36 ~~the Arkansas Center for School Safety, or his or her designee;~~

~~(H) One (1) classroom teacher appointed by the Arkansas State Teachers Association;~~

~~(I) The Director of the Division of Emergency Management, or his or her designee;~~

~~(J) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Public School Resource Center, Inc., or his or her designee;~~

~~(K) A chief of police or a sheriff appointed by the commissioner;~~

~~(L) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Rural Ed Association, or his or her designee;~~

~~(M) The State Fire Marshal, or his or her designee;~~

~~(N) One (1) school psychologist appointed by the Arkansas School Psychology Association; and~~

~~(O) One (1) director of an Arkansas education service cooperative appointed by the commissioner.~~

SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1303(d)(3)(A), concerning the provision of training and technical assistance under the Safe Schools Initiative Act, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) The Arkansas Center for School Safety of the Criminal Justice Institute shall be the state school safety clearinghouse and shall collaborate with the following entities to provide a comprehensive, efficient, and effective resource for education and law enforcement personnel to obtain training and technical assistance to meet the school safety needs of students in this state:

(i) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education;

(ii) The Safe Schools Committee established under this subchapter; and

~~(iii) The Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;~~

~~(iv) The Arkansas School Boards Association;~~

~~(v) Education service cooperatives;~~

~~(vi) The Division of Emergency Management;~~

~~(vii) The Arkansas Public School Resource Center, Inc.; and~~

~~(viii) Other key stakeholders.~~

SECTION 15. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 21, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-15-2102. Definition.

As used in this subchapter, "school" includes a public school within a traditional public school district and an open-enrollment public charter school.

SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2108 is amended to read as follows:

6-15-2108. School rating system.

(a) The school rating system shall be a multiple-measures approach that shall include without limitation:

(1) Academic achievement on the annual statewide student assessment;

(2) Student growth on the annual statewide student assessment;
and

(3) School-level graduation rate or rates; ~~and~~

~~(4) English learner progress or growth in acquiring English.~~

~~(b) The school rating system shall consider without limitation at least one (1) or more of the following indicators:~~

~~(1) Closing the achievement gap;~~

~~(2) Academic growth of student subgroups, including without limitation economically disadvantaged students, students from major racial and ethnic groups, English learners, and students with disabilities;~~

~~(3) The percentage of the grade nine (9) cohort with on-time completion of credit attainment at the end of grade nine (9);~~

~~(4) Equity in resource allocation;~~

~~(5) The percentage of students who earn:~~

~~(A) Advanced placement credit;~~

~~(B) Concurrent credit;~~

~~(C) International Baccalaureate credit; or~~

~~(D) Industry-recognized certification that leads to articulated or concurrent credit at a postsecondary institution;~~

~~(6) Student access to multiple flexible learning continua, including but not limited to personalized, competency, or mastery learning;~~

~~(7) Student access to preschool offered by the public school district;~~

~~(8) The proportional percentage of qualified educators who hold a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification or have an advanced degree beyond their bachelor's degree; and~~

~~(9) Public school district and community partnerships.~~

~~(e)(b)~~ Indicators included or considered as part of the school rating system shall:

(1) Allow for meaningful differentiation in school performance; and

(2) Be valid, reliable, comparable, and applicable statewide.

~~(d)(c)~~ The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall:

~~(1) promulgate~~ Promulgate rules to implement this section; and

~~(2) Develop a formula to determine a letter grade under § 6-15-2105 for the following without limitation:~~

(A) A public school district; and

(B) An education service cooperative.

SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 6-16-140(a), concerning a certificate of attainment awarded to a student completing an approved vocational or technical career pathway or program of study at a public high school, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A student who successfully completes an approved vocational or technical career pathway or program of study at a public high school shall be awarded a certificate of attainment that shall be:

(1) Aligned in the appropriate career pathway or program of study; and

(2) Used for consideration of acceptance and ~~advanced~~ priority placement into an apprenticeship training program.

SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 6-16-148(a)(1), concerning the foundation of certain social studies or history courses offered in grades seven through twelve (7-12), is amended to read as follows:

(1) A social studies or history course conditioned upon knowledge of historical events from the colonial period to modern times of United States history for which graduation credit is or may be ~~received~~,

1 ~~except for advanced placement courses~~

2
3 SECTION 19. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 8, is
4 repealed.

5 ~~Subchapter 8—Arkansas Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate~~
6 ~~Diploma Incentive Program Act of 1995~~

7 ~~6-16-801. Title.~~

8 ~~This subchapter shall be known as and may be cited as the “Arkansas~~
9 ~~Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program~~
10 ~~Act of 1995”.~~

11
12 ~~6-16-802. Purpose.~~

13 ~~(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to serve as a legislative~~
14 ~~charter for the establishment, organization, and administration of a program~~
15 ~~designed to improve the course offerings available to middle school, junior~~
16 ~~high school, and high school students throughout the state.~~

17 ~~(b) The program established under this subchapter will provide~~
18 ~~advanced educational courses that are easily accessible and that will prepare~~
19 ~~students for admission to and success in a postsecondary educational~~
20 ~~environment.~~

21 ~~(c) A key component in the program is adequately preparing teachers~~
22 ~~and schools in providing advanced placement courses or courses offered under~~
23 ~~the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme to their students.~~

24
25 ~~6-16-803. Definitions.~~

26 ~~As used in this subchapter:~~

27 ~~(1) “Advanced placement course” means a high school level~~
28 ~~preparatory course for a college advanced placement test that incorporates~~
29 ~~all topics specified by the College Board and Educational Testing Service on~~
30 ~~its standard syllabus for a given subject area and is approved by the College~~
31 ~~Board and Educational Testing Service;~~

32 ~~(2) “College advanced placement test” means the advanced~~
33 ~~placement test administered by the College Board and Educational Testing~~
34 ~~Service;~~

35 ~~(3) “College Board” means the College Board and Educational~~
36 ~~Testing Service;~~

~~(4) "International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme" means an international education program offered by the International Baccalaureate;~~

~~(5) "Preadvanced placement course" means a middle school, junior high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares students to enroll and participate in an advanced placement course;~~

~~(6) "Program" means the Arkansas Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program; and~~

~~(7) "State board" means the State Board of Education.~~

~~6-16-804. Established — Subsidies — Rules.~~

~~(a) The Arkansas Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program is hereby established, to be administered by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education.~~

~~(b) Contingent upon legislative appropriations and based on criteria established by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, schools participating in the program may be awarded a one-time equipment and instructional materials grant for providing an advanced placement course or a course offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.~~

~~(c) Subject to legislative appropriations, a teacher participating in the advanced placement program, in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, or in the preadvanced placement program may be awarded subsidized teacher training for advanced placement courses at a cost not to exceed six hundred fifty dollars (\$650) per teacher.~~

~~(d)(1) Contingent upon legislative appropriation and the availability of funding, the state may pay in full, or on a pro rata basis as determined under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, the cost of the advanced placement test fee or the equivalent test fee under the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, or both.~~

~~(2) The State Board of Education may create a sliding scale based on family income.~~

~~(e) The state board is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to implement this subchapter.~~

~~6-16-805. Funding.~~

~~(a) The awards granted under the provisions of this subchapter for both advanced placement and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme~~

1 ~~may be funded by donations, grants, or legislative appropriation.~~

2 ~~(b) All donations, grants, and appropriations received shall be~~
3 ~~accounted for by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.~~

4 ~~(c) The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education may solicit~~
5 ~~and receive donations and grants for the purpose of making awards.~~

6
7 ~~6-16-806. Treatment as advanced placement course.~~

8 ~~Any high school course offered under the International Baccalaureate~~
9 ~~Diploma Programme shall be treated the same as an advanced placement course,~~
10 ~~including for the following purposes:~~

11 ~~(1) Weighted credit;~~

12 ~~(2) The Arkansas Advanced Placement and International~~
13 ~~Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program Act of 1995, § 6-16-801 et seq.; and~~

14 ~~(3) Reporting requirements.~~

15
16 SECTION 20. Arkansas Code §§ 6-16-1202 through 6-16-1204 are amended
17 to read as follows:

18 6-16-1202. Definitions.

19 As used in this subchapter:

20 (1) ~~“Advanced Placement course” means a high school level~~
21 ~~preparatory course for a college Advanced Placement test that:~~

22 ~~(A) Incorporates all topics specified by the College Board~~
23 ~~and Educational Testing Service on its standards syllabus for a given subject~~
24 ~~area; and~~

25 ~~(B) Is approved by the College Board and Educational~~
26 ~~Testing Service;~~

27 (2) ~~“Endorsed concurrent enrollment course” means a college-~~
28 ~~level course offered by an institution of higher education in this state that~~
29 ~~upon completion would qualify for academic credit in both the institution of~~
30 ~~higher education and a public high school that:~~

31 ~~(A) Is in one (1) of the four (4) core areas of math,~~
32 ~~English, science, and social studies;~~

33 ~~(B) Meets the requirements of § 6-16-1204(b); and~~

34 ~~(C) Is listed in the Arkansas Course Transfer System of~~
35 ~~the Division of Higher Education;~~

36 (3) ~~“Pre-Advanced Placement course” means a middle school,~~

~~junior high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares students to enroll and to participate in an advanced placement course; and~~

~~(4) "Vertical team" means a group of educators from different grade levels in a given discipline who work cooperatively to develop and implement a vertically aligned program aimed at helping students from diverse backgrounds acquire the academic skills necessary for success in the Advanced Placement program and other challenging coursework~~ "Accelerated learning" means an organized method of learning that enables students to meet individual academic goals and graduation requirements while pursuing higher levels of skill development, including without limitation the following coursework:

(A) A College Board pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement course;

(B) An International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course;

(C) A Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education course;

(D) A concurrent credit course; and

(E) A substantively similar course or program approved by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

(2) "Concurrent credit course" means a college-level course offered by an institution of higher education in this state that upon completion would qualify for academic credit in both the institution of higher education and a public high school.

6-16-1203. Teacher skills and training.

~~(a)(1) A teacher of an Advanced Placement course must obtain appropriate training.~~

~~(2) The State Board of Education shall establish clear, specific, and challenging training guidelines that require teachers of College Board advanced placement courses and teachers of pre-Advanced Placement courses to obtain College Board sponsored or endorsed training.~~

~~(3) The training may include vertical team training.~~

(b)(a) An instructor of an endorsed concurrent enrollment an accelerated learning or concurrent credit course shall ~~have~~ meet the requirements of the:

1 (1) Institution of higher education that is offering the course;
2 or

3 (2) Accrediting organization authorized under § 6-16-1202+

4 ~~(1)(A) No less than a master's degree that includes at least~~
5 ~~eighteen (18) hours of completed course work in the subject area of the~~
6 ~~endorsed concurrent enrollment course.~~

7 ~~(B)(b)(1) The~~ An instructor's credentials shall be
8 approved by the academic unit or chief academic officer of the institution of
9 higher education offering the ~~endorsed~~ concurrent credit ~~enrollment~~ course,
10 ~~and.~~

11 (2) The relevant credentials and experience necessary to teach
12 from the syllabus approved by the institution of higher education granting
13 the course credit.

14
15 6-16-1204. Implementation.

16 ~~(a)(1) In order to prepare students for the rigor inherent in Advanced~~
17 ~~Placement courses, school districts shall offer pre-Advanced Placement~~
18 ~~courses to prepare students for the demands of Advanced Placement coursework.~~

19 ~~(2) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall~~
20 ~~approve all classes designated as pre-Advanced Placement courses.~~

21 ~~(b) An endorsed~~ A concurrent credit ~~enrollment~~ course must meet the
22 following requirements:

23 (1) The course must be a course offered by an institution of
24 higher education in this state that is:

25 (A) Approved through the institution of higher education's
26 normal process; and

27 (B) Listed in the institution of higher education's
28 catalog;

29 (2) The course content and instruction must meet the same
30 standards and adopt the same learning outcomes as those developed for a
31 course taught on the campus of the institution of higher education, including
32 without limitation:

33 (A) The administration of any departmental exams
34 applicable to the course; and

35 (B) The use of substantially the same book and syllabus as
36 is used at the college level;

(3) The course must be taught by an instructor with the qualifications required under ~~§ 6-16-1203(b)~~ § 6-16-1203;

(4) The institution of higher education offering the course must:

(A) Provide to the course instructor staff development, supervision, and evaluation; and

(B)(i) Provide the students enrolled in the course with:

(a) Academic guidance counseling; and

(b) The opportunity to utilize the on-campus library or other academic resources of the institution of higher education.

(ii) ~~Nothing in this~~ This subdivision ~~(b)(4)~~ (a)(4) shall not preclude institutions of higher education from collaborating to meet the requirements of this subdivision ~~(b)(4)~~ (a)(4);

(5) To be eligible to enroll in ~~an endorsed~~ a concurrent ~~enrollment~~ credit course, the student must:

(A) ~~Be admitted by the institution of higher education as a nondegree or noncertificate-seeking student; and~~

(B) Meet all of the prerequisites for the course in which he or she is enrolled; and

(6)(A) Credit for the ~~endorsed~~ concurrent ~~enrollment~~ credit course may only be awarded by the institution of higher education offering the course.

(B) ~~Nothing in this~~ This subdivision ~~(b)(6)~~ (a)(6) shall not preclude institutions of higher education from collaborating to provide the course and award course credit.

~~(e)(b)~~ Beginning with the ~~2008-2009~~ 2025-2026 school year, all public school districts and open-enrollment public charter schools shall offer ~~one~~ (1) College Board Advanced Placement course in each of the four (4) core areas of math, English, science, and social studies for a total of four (4) courses at least four (4) accelerated learning courses that cover the following subject areas:

(1) Math;

(2) English;

(3) Science; and

(4) Social studies.

~~(d)(1) The requirement under subsection (e) of this section shall be~~

1 ~~phased in over a period of four (4) years beginning with the 2005-2006 school~~
2 ~~year.~~

3 ~~(2) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all high schools~~
4 ~~in Arkansas shall offer a minimum of four (4) Advanced Placement courses by~~
5 ~~adding at least one (1) core course each year to the list of courses~~
6 ~~available to high school students.~~

7 ~~(c)(1)(A) A state-supported two-year or four-year institution of~~
8 ~~higher education may offer a reduced tuition rate for endorsed concurrent~~
9 ~~enrollment courses offered by the institution of higher education to high~~
10 ~~school students under this subchapter.~~

11 ~~(B) The reduction in tuition under subdivision (c)(1)(A)~~
12 ~~of this section or any tuition paid by the institution of higher education~~
13 ~~under subdivision (c)(3)(B) of this section shall not be considered an~~
14 ~~institutional scholarship.~~

15 ~~(2) The number of students enrolled and the semester credit~~
16 ~~hours for endorsed concurrent enrollment courses shall be included in the~~
17 ~~calculation of full-time-equivalent enrollment for the institution of higher~~
18 ~~education.~~

19 ~~(3)(A) A national school lunch student, as defined in § 6-20-~~
20 ~~2303, shall not be required to pay any of the costs up to a maximum of six~~
21 ~~(6) credit hours of endorsed concurrent enrollment courses that are taught;~~

22 ~~(i) On the grounds of the public school district in~~
23 ~~which the student is enrolled; and~~

24 ~~(ii) By a teacher employed by the public school~~
25 ~~district in which the student is enrolled.~~

26 ~~(B) The costs for endorsed concurrent enrollment courses~~
27 ~~under subdivision (c)(3)(A) of this section shall be paid;~~

28 ~~(i) By the public school district in which the~~
29 ~~student is enrolled;~~

30 ~~(ii) By the institution of higher education offering~~
31 ~~the course; or~~

32 ~~(iii) Through a cost-sharing agreement between the~~
33 ~~public school district and the institution of higher education.~~

34 (c)(1) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each year
35 thereafter, the tuition rate for a concurrent credit course offered by a
36 public school district or open-enrollment public charter school in

1 partnership with an institution of higher education shall:

2 (A) For every one (1) academic credit hour provided by an
3 institution of higher education, be an agreed amount that is not:

4 (i) More than two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the
5 per-pupil amount established under § 6-20-2305 that is allotted per student
6 each year; and

7 (ii) Less than one-half percent (0.5%) of the per-
8 pupil amount established under § 6-20-2305 that is allotted per student each
9 year; and

10 (B) Not exceed the standard tuition rate and fee structure
11 of the institution of higher education providing the concurrent credit
12 course.

13 (2)(A) The amount established under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of
14 this section may be satisfied through the following sources:

15 (i) ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program
16 funds;

17 (ii) Funding from the school district where a
18 student is enrolled;

19 (iii) Other consideration agreed to by the public
20 school district or open-enrollment public charter school and institution of
21 higher education; and

22 (iv) Any other available sources as determined by
23 the Division of Higher Education.

24 (B) An institution of higher education shall not receive
25 funding for concurrent credit courses for tuition at secondary vocational
26 centers under § 6-51-301 et seq. if the institution of higher education is
27 already receiving funding designated for vocational center aid.

28 (3) A student or a student's parent or guardian shall not be
29 responsible for tuition, fees, or materials for participation in a concurrent
30 credit course.

31
32 SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 6-17-309 is amended to read as follows:

33 6-17-309. Licensure – Waiver.

34 (a)~~(1)~~ A class of students shall not be under the instruction of a
35 teacher who is not licensed to teach the grade level or subject matter of the
36 class for more than sixty (60) consecutive school days in the same class

1 during a school year.

2 ~~(2)(b)~~ This subsection Subsection (a) of this section shall not
3 apply to:

4 ~~(A)~~(1) Nondegreed vocational-technical teachers;

5 ~~(B)~~(2) Individuals approved by the Division of Elementary
6 and Secondary Education to teach the grade level or subject matter of the
7 class in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education's distance
8 learning program;

9 ~~(C)~~(3) Individuals teaching concurrent credit courses or
10 ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning courses who:

11 ~~(i)~~(A) Are employed by a postsecondary institution;

12 ~~(ii)~~(B) Meet the qualification requirements of a
13 postsecondary institution or the Division of Career and Technical Education;
14 and

15 ~~(iii)~~(C) Are teaching in a course in which credit is
16 offered by an institution of higher education or a technical institute;

17 ~~(D)~~(4) Licensed teachers teaching in one (1) of the
18 following settings:

19 ~~(i)~~(A) An alternative learning environment;

20 ~~(ii)~~(B) A juvenile detention facility;

21 ~~(iii)~~(C) A residential and day alcohol, drug, and
22 psychiatric facility program;

23 ~~(iv)~~(D) An emergency youth shelter;

24 ~~(v)~~(E) A facility of the Division of Youth Services;

25 or

26 ~~(vi)~~(F) A facility of the Division of Developmental
27 Disabilities Services;

28 ~~(E)~~(5) Licensed special education teachers who are
29 teaching two (2) or more core academic subjects exclusively to children with
30 disabilities; or

31 ~~(F)~~(6) Teachers who are working under an Aspiring Teacher
32 permit for a period of time not to exceed one (1) academic year or two (2)
33 consecutive semesters.

34 ~~(b)(1) If this requirement imposes an undue hardship on a school~~
35 ~~district, the school district may apply to the State Board of Education for a~~
36 ~~waiver.~~

~~(2) The state board shall develop rules for granting a waiver.~~

~~(3) Any school district that obtains a waiver shall send written notice of the assignment to the parent or guardian of each student in the classroom no later than the sixtieth school day after the date of the assignment.~~

~~(4) [Repealed.]~~

SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 6-17-709(d), concerning the professional development schedule for licensed educators, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall establish the curriculum under this section in collaboration with ~~educational agencies and associations, including without limitation the~~ relevant stakeholders.

~~(1) Division of Higher Education;~~

~~(2) Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;~~

~~(3) Arkansas Education Association;~~

~~(4) Arkansas School Boards Association;~~

~~(5) Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development;~~

~~(6) Arkansas State Teachers Association; and~~

~~(7) Arkansas Rural Ed Association.~~

SECTION 23. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-18-237. Absences for certain purposes unexcused.

(a) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter school shall not grant excused absences for purposes of political protest.

(b) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter school may grant an excused absence for the following purposes with written consent of a parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to the student:

(1) Social or public policy advocacy; or

(2) Attempts to influence legislation or other governmental policy-making at the local, state, or federal level.

(c) This section does not prohibit students from attending curricular or cocurricular activities approved by the public school district or open-enrollment public charter school for credit.

1 (d) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter
2 school that grants excused or unexcused absences under subsections (a) or (b)
3 of this section shall provide a report by June 30 each year to the Division
4 of Elementary and Secondary Education that contains the following:

5 (1) The number of absences requested under this section;

6 (2) The number of absences granted under this section; and

7 (3) The stated purposes of the absence.
8

9 SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1104(b), concerning parental
10 notification and permission related to school fundraising programs, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (b) A one-page form for parental notification and permission shall be
13 developed by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education ~~in~~
14 ~~cooperation with school administrators and the Arkansas Parent Teacher~~
15 ~~Association.~~
16

17 SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 6-18-2004(b)(2)(G)(vi), concerning the
18 direct and indirect services offered as comprehensive student services by a
19 school counselor as part of a contributing member of a decision-making team
20 in advanced placement and gifted and talented programs, is amended to read as
21 follows:

22 (vi) ~~Advanced placement~~ Accelerated learning and
23 gifted and talented programs.
24

25 SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 6-18-2004(c), concerning administrative
26 activities performed by a school counselor, is amended to read as follows:

27 (c)(1) Administrative activities performed by a school counselor shall
28 not exceed more than ten percent (10%) of the school counselor's time spent
29 working during student contact days.

30 (2) Administrative activities provided by a school counselor in
31 collaboration with other school personnel include without limitation:

32 (A) Coordinating state assessments, cognitive achievement
33 assessments, ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning programs, and English
34 language proficiency testing programs;

35 (B) Developing master schedules;

36 (C) Coordinating of:

(i) Teams convened under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-112;

(ii) Response-to-intervention teams;

(iii) English learner programs;

(iv) Parental involvement or family engagement programs;

(v) Positive behavioral intervention support programs;

(vi) Data entry; and

(vii) ~~Advanced placement~~ Accelerated learning and gifted and talented programs; and

(D) Monitoring students in common areas such as the cafeteria, hallway, playground, and bus lines.

SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2203(a)(4), concerning the development by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education of the Arkansas Financial Accounting Handbook, is amended to read as follows:

(4) The rules shall be developed by the state board in cooperation with the division, and representatives from the ~~Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators, the Arkansas Association of School Business Officials, the Arkansas Education Association, the education service cooperatives, and the~~ Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.

SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2204(a)(3)(A), concerning required training for public school districts, open-enrollment public charter schools, and education service cooperatives under the Arkansas Educational Financial Accounting and Reporting Act of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) The instruction may be provided by an institution of higher education in this state, from instruction sponsored by the division, ~~by an in-service training program conducted by the Arkansas Association of School Business Officials,~~ or from another provider.

SECTION 29. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2204(b)(2), concerning required Tier II training for public school districts, open-enrollment public charter schools, and education service cooperatives under the Arkansas Educational Financial Accounting and Reporting Act of 2004, is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 (2) Tier II training shall be developed by the division in
3 cooperation with representatives from ~~the Arkansas Association of Educational~~
4 ~~Administrators, the Arkansas Association of School Business Officials, the~~
5 ~~Arkansas Education Association, the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, and~~
6 ~~the education service cooperatives.~~

7
8 SECTION 30. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2207(b)(1), concerning the rules
9 governing the uniform budget and accounting system for school districts,
10 education service cooperatives, and open-enrollment public charter schools,
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 (b)(1)~~(A)~~ The state board shall amend the rules, and the Division of
13 Elementary and Secondary Education shall amend the Arkansas Financial
14 Accounting Handbook provided in subsection (a) of this section as necessary.

15 ~~(B) The amendments, annual revisions, and financial~~
16 ~~accounting updates to the Arkansas Financial Accounting Handbook shall be~~
17 ~~developed with representatives from the Arkansas Association of School~~
18 ~~Business Officials, the education service cooperatives, and other school~~
19 ~~district officials as designated by the division.~~

20
21 SECTION 31. Arkansas Code § 6-21-113(a), concerning the membership of
22 the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (a) To assist the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and
25 Transportation, there is established the Advisory Committee on Public School
26 Academic Facilities to be composed of the following members who must be
27 willing to devote adequate time to the work of the committee and who reflect
28 the demographics of the state:

29 (1) The Director of the Division of Public School Academic
30 Facilities and Transportation or the director's designee, who shall also
31 serve as secretary to the committee;

32 (2) One (1) person who is a licensed building contractor
33 experienced in public school construction ~~selected from a list of no fewer~~
34 ~~than three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Chapter of the Associated~~
35 ~~General Contractors of America;~~

36 (3) One (1) person who is a licensed architect experienced in

1 public school design ~~submitted by the Arkansas Chapter, the American~~
2 ~~Institute of Architects;~~

3 (4) One (1) person who is a licensed or registered mechanical
4 engineer experienced in public school mechanical and plumbing systems design
5 ~~selected from a list of no fewer than three (3) names submitted by the~~
6 ~~Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers;~~

7 (5) One (1) person who is a licensed or registered electrical
8 engineer experienced in public school electrical systems design ~~selected from~~
9 ~~a list of no fewer than three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Society of~~
10 ~~Professional Engineers;~~

11 (6) One (1) person who is a licensed or registered civil
12 engineer experienced in public school civil engineering design and
13 construction ~~selected from a list of no fewer than three (3) names submitted~~
14 ~~by the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers;~~

15 (7) Two (2) persons selected by the Commission for Arkansas
16 Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, one (1) of whom is
17 knowledgeable and holds certification in the field of educational technology
18 applications and strategies;

19 (8) ~~Two (2) persons selected from a list of six (6) names~~
20 ~~submitted by the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators from its~~
21 ~~membership;~~

22 ~~(9) One (1) person selected from a list of three (3) names~~
23 ~~submitted by the Arkansas Education Association from its membership;~~

24 ~~(10) Two (2) persons selected from a list of six (6) names~~
25 ~~submitted by the Arkansas School Boards Association from its membership;~~

26 ~~(11) Two (2) persons selected from a list of six (6) names~~
27 ~~submitted by the Arkansas Rural Ed Association from its membership;~~

28 ~~(12) One (1) person selected from a list of three (3) names~~
29 ~~submitted by the Arkansas Public School Resource Center, Inc., from its~~
30 ~~membership; and~~

31 ~~(13) Three (3) persons, one (1) from each of the professions of~~
32 ~~construction, architecture, and education, selected by the commission to~~
33 ~~serve as ex-officio members of the committee based on prior service on the~~
34 ~~committee;~~

35 (9) One (1) licensed teacher appointed by the Commissioner of
36 Elementary and Secondary Education;

- 1 (10) One (1) principal appointed by the commissioner; and
2 (11) One (1) superintendent appointed by the commissioner.

3
4 SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 6-21-817(b), concerning the membership of
5 the Public School Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The committee shall be composed of ~~six (6) members as follows~~ the
8 following members:

- 9 (1) One (1) member from the Building Authority Division;
10 (2) One (1) member from the Division of Public School Academic
11 Facilities and Transportation;
12 (3) One (1) member from the ~~State Fire Marshal Office of the~~
13 ~~Division of Arkansas State Police~~ Office of Fire Protection Services;
14 (4) One (1) member from the Division of Elementary and Secondary
15 Education;
16 ~~(5) One (1) member from the Arkansas Association of Educational~~
17 ~~Administrators; and~~
18 ~~(6) One (1) member from the Arkansas Public School Resource~~
19 ~~Center, Inc.~~
20 (5) Other relevant stakeholders deemed necessary by the members
21 designated under subdivisions (b)(1)-(4) of this section.

22
23 SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 6-28-112(b), concerning academic course
24 placement under the Arkansas Military Child School Transitions Act of 2021,
25 is amended to read as follows:

- 26 (b) Academic course placement includes without limitation enrollment
27 in:
28 (1) ~~Honors courses~~ Accelerated learning courses; and
29 (2) ~~The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme;~~
30 ~~(3) Advanced Placement courses; and~~
31 ~~(4)~~ Academic, technical, and career pathway courses.

32
33 SECTION 34. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 28, Subchapter 2, is
34 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

35 § 6-28-207. Purple Star Schools.

36 (a) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter

1 school that shows a significant commitment to serving students and families
2 connected to the United States Armed Forces may be designated as a Purple
3 Star School or Purple Star School District.

4 (b) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may promulgate
5 rules to implement this section.

6
7 SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 6-41-610(b)(2), concerning the membership
8 of the committee that develops and updates the Arkansas Dyslexia Resource
9 Guide, is amended to read as follows:

10 (2)~~(A)~~ The committee shall include ~~one (1) representative who~~
11 ~~has the following members who shall have~~ experience working in the field of
12 dyslexia intervention ~~from the following organizations, and are~~ appointed by
13 the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education:

14 ~~(i)(A) The Arkansas Association of Educational~~
15 ~~Administrators~~ One (1) public school administrator;

16 ~~(ii)(B) The Division~~ A representative from the Office of
17 Learning Services of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education;

18 ~~(iii)(C) The~~ A representative from the Division of Higher
19 Education;

20 ~~(iv)(D) The Arkansas Education Association~~ One (1) public
21 school licensed educator;

22 ~~(v)(E) The Arkansas School Boards Association~~ One (1)
23 public school district board of directors member;

24 ~~(vi)(F) The Arkansas School Psychology Association, A~~
25 school psychologist with at least three (3) years of experience in testing
26 for dyslexia; ~~and~~

27 ~~(vii)(G) An education service cooperative administrator;~~
28 and

29 ~~(B)(H)~~ Three (3) professionals who have worked in a public
30 school who are knowledgeable in and have expertise in dyslexia screening and
31 interventions.

32
33 SECTION 36. Arkansas Code §§ 6-51-602 and 6-51-603 are amended to read
34 as follows:

35 6-51-602. Definitions.

36 As used in this subchapter, ~~unless the context otherwise requires:~~

1 (1) "Admissions representative" means a person who executes an
2 enrollment agreement and who receives compensation for the primary duties of
3 encouraging prospective students to enroll for training in a program of study
4 offered by a school covered under the provisions of this subchapter;

5 (2) "Board" means the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~
6 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board;

7 (3) ~~"Combination school" means any school in which programs of~~
8 ~~study are conducted by both distance education and resident training;~~

9 (4) ~~"Director" means the authorized representative of the State~~
10 ~~Board of Private Career Education for the purpose of administering the~~
11 ~~provisions of this subchapter;~~

12 (5) ~~"Distance education school" means any school in which all~~
13 ~~programs of study are conducted by distance education;~~

14 (6) "Extension course site" means a location away from the
15 school where a course or courses are conducted one (1) or more times during
16 the licensure period;

17 (4) "Institution of higher education" means a:

18 (A) State-supported two-year or four-year college or
19 university; or

20 (B) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or
21 university with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible
22 to receive Title IV federal student aid funds;

23 (7)(5) "Program of study" means an organized unit of courses or
24 an individual course in which instruction is offered;

25 (8) ~~"Resident school" means any school in which all programs of~~
26 ~~study are conducted in resident classrooms or held in public meeting~~
27 ~~facilities;~~

28 (9)(6) "Satellite school" means a ~~location within the State of~~
29 school located in Arkansas but away from the school where programs of study
30 are offered on a regular continuing basis by Arkansas schools;

31 (10)(A)(7)(A) "School" means ~~any person, firm, partnership,~~
32 ~~association, corporation, or other form of business organization seeking to~~
33 ~~do business or offering in the State of Arkansas~~ an entity that offers:

34 (i) ~~resident~~ Resident or correspondence training
35 that leads to or enhances occupational qualifications;

36 (B) ~~"School" also means any firm, partnership,~~

~~association, corporation, or other form of business organization that offers instruction~~

(ii) Instruction in airframe or power plant mechanics;

~~(C)(iii) "School" also means any firm, partnership, association, corporation, or other form of business organization that offers training~~ Training as preparation for passing exams that may lead to employment; or

~~(D)(iv) "School" also means any firm, partnership, association, corporation, or other form of business organization that offers driver~~ Driver education training, excluding those courses taught to motor vehicle violators pursuant to court order.

~~(E)(B) "School" does not include:~~

~~(i) A program of instruction in yoga or in yoga-teacher training; or~~

~~(ii) An an institution that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board under § 6-61-301 of higher education; and~~

~~(11)(8) "Student" or "enrollee"~~ means a person who is seeking to enroll, has been enrolled, is sought for enrollment, or is seeking training or instruction in a school as defined in this section.

6-51-603. Exemptions.

The following are exempt from licensure under this subchapter:

(1) Private institutions exclusively offering instruction at any or all levels from ~~preschool~~ prekindergarten through ~~twelfth~~ grade twelve (preK-12);

(2) Schools established by ~~laws of Arkansas~~ laws, ~~governed by Arkansas boards,~~ and permitted to operate for the sole purpose of providing specific training normally required to qualify persons for occupational licensure by state boards or commissions, which determine education and other standards for licensure and operation of such schools;

(3) ~~State colleges and universities coordinated by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board~~ Institutions of higher education;

(4) Programs of study offered ~~by institutions or individuals~~ for personal improvement, whether avocational or recreational, if designated

1 through media or other sources as not for the purpose of enhancing an
2 occupational objective;

3 (5) Schools operated solely to provide programs of study in
4 theology, divinity, religious education, and ministerial training;

5 (6) A training program offered or sponsored by an employer for
6 training and preparation of its own employees and for which no tuition fee is
7 charged the employee;

8 (7) A program of study sponsored by a recognized trade,
9 business, or professional organization for instruction of the members of the
10 organization with a closed membership and for which no fee is charged the
11 member;

12 (8) A school or educational institution supported by state or
13 local government taxation;

14 (9) Flight instructors and flight instruction schools licensed
15 under appropriate Federal Aviation Administration regulations and offering
16 only training for a private pilot's license;

17 (10) Schools covered by § 6-61-301(a)(3) and exempt from § 6-61-
18 101 et seq.;

19 (11) Training offered by other Arkansas state agencies, boards,
20 or commissions;

21 (12)(A) Training offered on military bases where a majority of
22 the students enrolled are active duty personnel or their adult family
23 members, United States Department of Defense civilian employees or their
24 adult family members, members of the United States Armed Forces reserve
25 components, and retirees.

26 (B) These organizations shall remain exempt from the
27 requirement for licensure if required to move off the military installation
28 for a period of not more than ninety (90) days because of a change in
29 security level which would not allow civilian students on the installation.

30 (C) ~~The State Board of Private Career~~ Division of Higher
31 ~~Education shall have the authority to~~ may review any situations that extend
32 past the ninety-day period and determine whether the exemption status should
33 remain for the school;

34 (13) Certified nurse aide or certified nursing assistant
35 training programs:

36 (A) Whose underlying majority ownership has ownership of

1 five (5) or more nursing facilities licensed by the Office of Long-Term Care;
2 and

3 (B) That are under the regulatory oversight of the office;
4 and

5 (14) Schools located outside the state that:

6 (A) Offer education or training outside the state; and

7 (B) Do not participate in distance education.
8

9 SECTION 37. Arkansas Code § 6-51-605 is amended to read as follows:

10 6-51-605. ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Authority of Division
11 of Higher Education.

12 (a)(1)(A) ~~The Governor shall appoint a State Board of Private Career~~
13 ~~Education of seven (7) members who shall serve for terms of seven (7) years.~~

14 (B) ~~The Governor shall make appointments or reappointments~~
15 ~~to the board to provide membership of three (3) persons associated with~~
16 ~~schools and four (4) persons from the general public.~~

17 (2) ~~The Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education and the~~
18 ~~Director of the Division of Career and Technical Education or their designees~~
19 ~~shall serve as nonvoting, ex officio members of the board.~~

20 (b)(1) ~~The board may elect the necessary officers, acting by and~~
21 ~~through the Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education.~~

22 (2) The Division of Higher Education shall have the sole
23 authority to:

24 (A)(1) Approve all schools offering programs of study
25 leading to or enhancing an occupational objective;

26 (B) ~~Administer and enforce this subchapter;~~ and

27 (C)(2) Issue licenses to schools that have met the
28 standards ~~set forth for the purposes of this subchapter~~ established by the
29 Division of Higher Education, including without limitation ~~programs;~~

30 (A) Programs of study, ~~adequate;~~

31 (B) Adequate facilities, ~~financial;~~

32 (C) Financial stability, ~~qualified;~~

33 (D) Qualified personnel, ~~and legitimate;~~ and

34 (E) Legitimate operating practices.

35 (e)(b) Upon approval by the Division of Higher Education, any such
36 school may issue certificates or diplomas.

1 ~~(d)~~(c) The Division of Higher Education shall:

2 (1) ~~Formulate the~~ Establish criteria and the standards ~~evolved~~
3 for the approval of ~~such~~ licensed schools;

4 (2) Provide for adequate investigation of all schools applying
5 for a license;

6 (3) Issue licenses to those applicants meeting the standards
7 ~~fixed~~ established by the Division of Higher Education; and

8 (4) Maintain a list of schools approved under ~~the provisions of~~
9 this subchapter.

10 ~~(e) The Division of Higher Education shall formulate the standards~~
11 ~~evolved under this subchapter for the approval of admissions representatives~~
12 ~~of such licensed schools and issue licenses to those applicants meeting the~~
13 ~~standards fixed by the Division of Higher Education.~~

14 ~~(f)~~(d) In consultation with the board, the The Division of Higher
15 Education ~~shall~~ may promulgate ~~standards and rules to be prescribed for the~~
16 ~~administration of this subchapter and the management and operation of the~~
17 ~~schools and admissions representatives, subject to the provisions of~~
18 implement this subchapter.

19 ~~(g)~~(e) The Division of Higher Education shall ~~participate in the~~
20 administer hearings before the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board
21 for ~~provided to~~ schools and admissions representatives ~~in cases of~~ facing
22 revocation or denial of licensure.

23 ~~(h) Official meetings of the board may be called by the Chair of the~~
24 ~~State Board of Private Career Education as necessary, but meetings shall be~~
25 ~~held at least four (4) times a year.~~

26 ~~(i) A majority of favorable votes by the board members at an official~~
27 ~~meeting is required for adoption of a recommendation.~~

28 ~~(j) Board members may be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with §~~
29 ~~25-16-901 and stipends according to § 25-16-903.~~

30 ~~(k) The board may adopt and use a seal, which may be used for the~~
31 ~~authentication of the recommendations of the board.~~

32 ~~(l)~~(f)(1) The Division of Higher Education shall annually require
33 background investigations for all partners or shareholders with ten percent
34 (10%) or more ownership interest in a school when the school seeks an
35 original license.

36 (2) The Division of Higher Education may establish a schedule

1 for periodic background checks for partners or shareholders with ten percent
2 (10%) or more ownership interest in a school when seeking renewal of a school
3 license.

4 ~~(m)-(1)(g)(1)~~ The partners or shareholders shall apply to the
5 Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police for a state
6 and national criminal background check to be conducted by the Federal Bureau
7 of Investigation.

8 (2) The check shall conform to the applicable federal standards
9 and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

10 (3) The applicant shall sign a release of information to the
11 board and shall be responsible to the Division of Arkansas State Police for
12 the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background check.

13 (4) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the
14 Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police shall forward
15 to the Division of Higher Education all information obtained concerning the
16 person in the commission of any offense listed in § 6-51-606(g)(3).

17 (5)(A) The Division of Higher Education may issue a nonrenewable
18 temporary license pending the results of the criminal background check.

19 (B) The temporary license shall be valid for no more than
20 six (6) months.

21 (C) Upon receipt of information from the Identification
22 Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police that only one (1) of the
23 partners or shareholders of the school holding the license has been convicted
24 of any offense listed in § 6-51-606(g)(3), the Division of Higher Education
25 shall revoke the license.

26 ~~(n)-(1)(h)(1)~~ ~~The provisions of~~ Licensure revocation under § 6-51-
27 606(g) may be waived by the Division of Higher Education upon the request of:

28 (A) An affected applicant for licensure; or

29 (B) The partners or shareholders of a school holding a
30 license subject to revocation.

31 (2) Circumstances for which a waiver may be granted shall
32 include, ~~but not be limited to,~~ without limitation the following:

33 (A) The age at which the crime was committed;

34 (B) The circumstances surrounding the crime;

35 (C) The length of time since the crime;

36 (D) Subsequent work history;

1 (E) Employment references;
2 (F) Character references; and
3 (G) Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does
4 not pose a threat.

5 ~~(e)(1)(i)(1)~~ Any information received by the Division of Higher
6 Education from the Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State
7 Police under this section shall not be available for examination except by:

8 (A) The affected applicant for licensure or his or her
9 authorized representative; or

10 (B) The person whose license is subject to revocation or
11 his or her authorized representative.

12 (2) No record, file, or document shall be removed from the
13 custody of the Division of Arkansas State Police.

14 ~~(p)(j)~~ Any information made available to the affected applicant for
15 licensure or the person whose license is subject to revocation shall be
16 information pertaining to that person only.

17 ~~(q)(k)~~ Rights of privilege and confidentiality established in this
18 section shall not extend to any document created for purposes other than the
19 background check required by this section.

20 ~~(r) In consultation with the board, the Division of Higher Education~~
21 ~~shall adopt the necessary rules to fully implement the provisions of this~~
22 ~~section.~~

23
24 SECTION 38. Arkansas Code § 6-51-606 is amended to read as follows:

25 6-51-606. School license generally.

26 (a) No persons shall operate, conduct, maintain, or offer to operate
27 in ~~this state~~ Arkansas a school as defined in this subchapter, or solicit the
28 enrollment of students residing in ~~the state~~ Arkansas, unless a license is
29 first secured from the Division of Higher Education ~~issued in accordance with~~
30 ~~the provisions of this subchapter and the rules promulgated by the division~~
31 ~~in consultation with the State Board of Private Career Education.~~

32 ~~(b)(1) Application~~ An application for a license shall be ~~filed in the~~
33 ~~manner and upon the forms prescribed and furnished by the division for that~~
34 ~~purpose~~ signed and include all required information as prescribed by the
35 division.

36 ~~(2) The application shall be signed by the applicant and~~

1 ~~properly verified and shall contain such information as may apply to the type~~
2 ~~and kind of school, satellite school, or extension course site for which a~~
3 ~~license is sought.~~

4 (c)(1) A license issued shall be restricted to the programs of study
5 specifically indicated in the application ~~for a license.~~

6 (2) The holder of a license shall present a supplementary
7 application for approval of additional programs of study.

8 (d) The license shall remain the property of the State of Arkansas and
9 shall be returned to the division upon cause.

10 (e) After a license is issued to any school by the division ~~on the~~
11 ~~basis of its application~~, it shall be the responsibility of the school to
12 notify the division immediately ~~the division~~ of any changes in the ownership,
13 administration, location, faculty, or programs of study ~~on the forms and in~~
14 ~~the manner prescribed by the division.~~

15 (f)(1) In the event of the sale of such school, the license granted to
16 the original owner or operators shall not be transferable to the new
17 ownership or operators, ~~but.~~

18 (2) An application for a new license ~~must~~ shall be made and
19 approved before the new ownership's taking over operation of the school.

20 (g) The division shall have the power to deny issuing a new or renewal
21 license, to revoke an existing license, or to place a licensee on probation,
22 if in its discretion it determines that:

23 (1) The licensee has violated any of the provisions of this
24 subchapter or any of the rules of the division;

25 (2) The applicant or licensee has knowingly presented to the
26 division incomplete or misleading information relating to licensure;

27 (3) The applicant or licensee has pleaded guilty, entered a plea
28 of nolo contendere, or has been found guilty in a criminal proceeding,
29 regardless of whether or not the adjudication of guilt or sentence is
30 withheld, deferred, or suspended by a court of ~~this state~~ Arkansas, another
31 state, or the United States Government, of:

32 (A) Any felony; or

33 (B) Any act involving moral turpitude, gross immorality,
34 or which is related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a
35 licensee;

36 (4) The applicant or licensee has intentionally failed or

1 refused to permit the division ~~or its representatives~~ to inspect the school
2 or classes or has intentionally failed or refused to make available to the
3 division, ~~at any time~~ when requested to do so, full information pertaining to
4 any or all items of information contained in an application for license or
5 pertaining to the operation of the school;

6 (5) The applicant has failed or refused to submit to the
7 division an application for license or renewal ~~in the manner and on the forms~~
8 ~~prescribed~~;

9 (6) A licensed admissions representative has failed or refused
10 to display or produce his or her license when requested to do so by
11 prospective students or ~~designated officials of~~ the division;

12 (7) The applicant or licensee has failed to provide or maintain
13 premises, equipment, materials, supplies, or conditions in accordance with
14 minimum standards as established by rules;

15 (8) The licensee has been found by the division or a court of
16 law to have perpetrated fraud or deceit in advertising of the school or
17 programs of study or in presenting to prospective students information
18 relating to the school, programs of study, employment opportunities, or
19 opportunities for enrollment in institutions of higher education;

20 (9) The licensee has in its employ any admissions
21 representatives who have not been licensed but are actively engaged in the
22 practice of attempting to enroll students;

23 (10) The licensee has failed to provide and maintain standards
24 of instruction or qualified administrative, supervisory, or instructional
25 staff as established by rules;

26 (11) The applicant or licensee is unable to provide and maintain
27 financial resources in sufficient amount to equip and maintain the school or
28 classes;

29 (12) The licensee has moved the school into new premises or
30 facilities without first notifying the division;

31 (13) The licensee has offered training or instruction in
32 programs of study which have not been approved and authorized in accordance
33 with rules;

34 (14) A licensed admissions representative has solicited
35 prospective students to enroll in a school which has not been licensed by the
36 division or which is not listed on his or her license;

1 (15) There was a change in the ownership of the school without
2 proper notification to and approval from the division;

3 (16) The licensee has failed to notify the division or to
4 provide written documentation as to the cause that the license of a school
5 has been suspended or revoked or the school has been placed on probation or a
6 show cause issued in another state or by another regulatory agency;

7 (17) The licensee has failed to notify the division of legal
8 actions initiated by or against the school; or

9 (18) The licensee fails to make tuition refunds to the students
10 or their lenders in compliance with current rules.

11 (h) The division shall have the power to revoke a license if in its
12 discretion it determines that:

13 (1) The licensee has failed to cure a deficiency leading to a
14 license probation within the time as may be reasonably prescribed by the
15 division;

16 (2) The licensee while on probation has been found by the
17 division to have incurred an additional infraction of this subchapter; or

18 (3) The licensee has closed a school without first having
19 completed the training of all students currently enrolled or having made
20 tuition refunds to students or their lenders.

21 (i) The division may impose sanctions under § 25-15-217.

22 (j)(1) Unless directed to do so by court order, the division shall
23 not, for a period of five (5) years following revocation, reinstate the
24 license of a school or allow an owner of any such school to seek licensure of
25 another school.

26 (2) Upon expiration of licensure status, the school must apply
27 for an original license in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter.

28 (k)(1) Upon closure of a school located in Arkansas and licensed under
29 any provision of this subchapter, whether for license revocation or any other
30 cause, all student financial aid records for the previous three (3) years and
31 all student transcripts regardless of age must be delivered to the division.

32 (2) Delivered records shall be arranged in alphabetical order
33 and stored in boxes or in data format at the discretion of the division.

34 (3) The division shall be responsible for the proper security,
35 storage, and maintenance of all such records.

36

1 SECTION 39. Arkansas Code § 6-51-607(a)(1), concerning the payment of
2 annual fees by a private resident and correspondence school, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (a)(1) Each school licensed under this subchapter shall pay annually a
5 fee to be set by the Division of Higher Education in consultation with the
6 ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Arkansas Higher Education
7 Coordinating Board.

8
9 SECTION 40. Arkansas Code § 6-51-609(k), concerning the promulgation
10 of rules related to private resident and correspondence schools, is repealed.

11 ~~(k) In consultation with the State Board of Private Career Education,~~
12 ~~the Division of Higher Education shall adopt the necessary rules to fully~~
13 ~~implement the provisions of this section.~~

14
15 SECTION 41. Arkansas Code § 6-51-610(a), concerning fees related to
16 private resident and correspondence schools, is amended to read as follows:

17 (a) In consultation with the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~
18 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Division of Higher
19 Education shall set fees for schools and admissions representatives.

20
21 SECTION 42. Arkansas Code § 6-51-616 is amended to read as follows:

22 6-51-616. Student grievance procedure.

23 (a) Any student may file a written complaint with the Division of
24 Higher Education ~~on the forms prescribed and furnished by the division for~~
25 ~~that purpose~~ if the student has reason to believe he or she is suffering loss
26 or damage resulting from:

27 (1) The failure of a school to perform agreements made with the
28 student; or

29 (2) An admissions representative's misrepresentations in
30 enrolling the student.

31 (b)(1) All complaints shall be investigated, and attempts shall be
32 made to resolve them informally.

33 (2) If an informal resolution cannot be achieved, the aggrieved
34 party may request a formal hearing to be held before the ~~State Board of~~
35 ~~Private Career Education~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

36 (c) The aggrieved party may not pursue resolution before the board if

1 legal action has been filed.

2 (d) The request for a hearing shall be in writing and filed with the
3 ~~director~~ division within one (1) year of completion of, or withdrawal from,
4 the school.

5 (e) The written request for a hearing shall name the parties involved
6 and specific facts giving rise to the dispute.

7 (f) The ruling of the board shall be binding upon the parties.
8

9 SECTION 43. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 6-51-617(a),
10 concerning dispute resolution by the State Board of Private Career Education,
11 is amended to read as follows:

12 (a) ~~The State Board of Private Career Education~~ Arkansas Higher
13 Education Coordinating Board shall represent the sole authority to resolve
14 disputes between a student and a school as to grievances relating to:
15

16 SECTION 44. Arkansas Code § 6-51-621 is repealed.

17 ~~6-51-621. Construction of subchapter.~~

18 ~~Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to affect the~~
19 ~~responsibilities of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board as~~
20 ~~defined in § 6-61-301.~~
21

22 SECTION 45. Arkansas Code § 6-51-622(d), concerning rules related to
23 noncommercial driver training instructions, is repealed.

24 ~~(d)(1) In consultation with the State Board of Private Career~~
25 ~~Education, the Division of Higher Education may promulgate reasonable rules~~
26 ~~to implement, enforce, and administer this section.~~

27 ~~(2) The rules of the division shall be issued in accordance with~~
28 ~~the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.~~
29

30 SECTION 46. Arkansas Code § 6-53-203(a), concerning powers and duties
31 of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board related to the technical
32 and community college system, is amended to add an additional subdivision to
33 read as follows:

34 (10) Promulgate rules to implement this chapter.
35

36 SECTION 47. Arkansas Code § 6-60-1504 is amended to read as follows:

1 6-60-1504. Limitations.

2 (a) Nothing in this subchapter shall be interpreted as:

3 (1) Giving a member of the campus community the right to disrupt
4 a previously scheduled or otherwise reserved activity;

5 (2) Authorizing a member of the campus community to disregard a
6 policy of the state-supported institution of higher education regarding:

7 (A) Compliance with state and federal laws on
8 discrimination and harassment; or

9 (B) The productive and efficient operation of an
10 instructional or work environment;

11 (3) Preventing a state-supported institution of higher education
12 from prohibiting, limiting, or restricting expression that is not protected
13 under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or Article 2, §
14 6, of the Arkansas Constitution; or

15 (4) Prohibiting a state-supported institution of higher
16 education from imposing a restriction on the time, place, or manner of
17 expression in or on a campus forum, provided the restriction on the time,
18 place, or manner of expression:

19 (A) Is reasonable;

20 (B) Is justified without reference to the viewpoint of the
21 speaker;

22 (C) Is narrowly tailored to serve a significant state
23 interest; and

24 (D) Leaves open ample alternative channels for
25 communication of the information or message contained in the expression.

26 (b) A state-supported institution of higher education shall not grant
27 excused absences for:

28 (1) Purposes of political protest;

29 (2) Social or public policy advocacy; or

30 (3) Attempts to influence legislation or other governmental
31 policymaking at the local, state, or federal level.

32 (c) Academic standards, teaching standards, education standards,
33 curriculum, teacher professional development, and rules in a state-supported
34 institution of higher education shall not authorize student walkouts for
35 purposes of:

36 (1) Political protest;

(2) Social or public policy advocacy; or

(3) Attempts to influence legislation or other governmental policymaking at the local, state, or federal level.

(d) This section shall not be construed to prohibit students from attending curricular or co-curricular activities approved by the state-supported institution of higher education.

(e)(1) A student who negligently or intentionally causes damages to the property of a state-supported institution of higher education while engaging in a political protest or public policy advocacy shall be liable to the state-supported institution of higher education for damages caused by the student.

(2) A state-supported institution of higher education may seek to recover damages described in subdivision (e)(1) of this section in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(3) A student of a state-supported institution of higher education who has been found liable for damages described in subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall be subject to the following penalties until the judgment is fully satisfied:

(A) The student shall be ineligible to receive a degree or credential from the state-supported institution of higher education; and

(B) The state-supported institution of higher education shall not transfer or otherwise endorse credit issued by the state-supported institution of higher education for the purposes of satisfying degree requirements at any other state-supported institution of higher education.

SECTION 48. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, is amended to add additional subchapters to read as follows:

Subchapter 16 – Rejecting Discrimination and Indoctrination in Postsecondary Education

6-60-1601. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly recognizes that:

(1) The First Amendment of the United States Constitution robustly protects the right to speak without government interference, but not to compel others to adopt, affirm, or adhere to specific beliefs;

(2) The Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution

1 provides that no state shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction the
2 equal protection of the law;

3 (3) Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 promotes the
4 desegregation of public schools and authorizes the United States Attorney
5 General to file lawsuits to enforce the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of
6 1964. It defines "desegregation" as "the assignment of students to public
7 schools and within such schools without regard to their race, color,
8 religion, or national origin," thereby removing government-sanctioned racial
9 discrimination in schools and implementing the United States Supreme Court's
10 holding in "Brown v. Board of Education", 347 U.S. 483 (1954), that racial
11 separation is a violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth
12 Amendment; and

13 (4) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states that "No
14 person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national
15 origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be
16 subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal
17 financial assistance".

18
19 6-60-1602. Purpose.

20 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that administrators,
21 faculty, and other employees of a state-supported institution of higher
22 education maintain nondiscriminatory policies in accordance with Title IV,
23 Title VI, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

24 (b) This subchapter is enacted to:

25 (1) Prevent discrimination;
26 (2) Promote the intellectual development of students and faculty
27 in Arkansas; and

28 (3) Protect the free exchange of ideas according to the United
29 States Constitution and the Arkansas Constitution.

30
31 6-60-1603. Definitions.

32 As used in this subchapter:

33 (1) "Accreditation" means the status of public recognition that
34 an accrediting agency grants to an educational institution;

35 (2) "Accrediting agency" means a legal entity or part of a legal
36 entity that:

1 (A) Conducts accrediting activities; and

2 (B) Makes decisions about the accreditation or pre-
3 accreditation status of educational institutions;

4 (3) "Affirm, adopt, or adhere to" includes communicative speech
5 or act or action, including without limitation:

6 (A) Engaging in symbolic speech;

7 (B) Holding signs;

8 (C) Raising hands;

9 (D) Signing a pledge; or

10 (E) Participating in a parade, "privilege walk", or
11 racially segregated activity of any sort;

12 (4) "Compel" means:

13 (A) Causing or pressuring an individual to perform an act
14 or action against his or her will; or

15 (B) Retaliating against an individual who declines to
16 perform an act against his or her will;

17 (5) "Diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative" or "DEI"
18 means:

19 (A) An office, division, department, or administrative
20 provider of a unit of study at a state-supported institution of higher
21 education with the purpose of:

22 (i) Influencing academic, administrative, hiring, or
23 employment practices at the state-supported institution of higher education;

24 (ii) Promoting:

25 (a) Preferences based upon race, color, sex,
26 ethnicity, or national origin;

27 (b) Differential treatment on the basis of
28 race, color, sex, ethnicity, or national origin; or

29 (c) Political or social activism to consider
30 race, color, sex, ethnicity, or national origin as factors in decision-
31 making, except where required by federal or state law; or

32 (iii) Any promotion described in subdivision
33 (5)(A)(ii) of this section that conflicts with state and federal
34 antidiscrimination laws; or

35 (B) Any program, activity, applicant statement, or
36 training described in § 6-60-1604 that promotes an activity described in

1 subdivision (5)(A)(ii) of this section;

2 (6) "State-supported institution of higher education" means a
3 public postsecondary institution or a department in a public postsecondary
4 institution that:

5 (A) Provides:

6 (i) An eligible program of training to prepare
7 students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation; or

8 (ii) A program leading to a baccalaureate degree or
9 a graduate degree; and

10 (B) Is accredited by a recognized accrediting agency or
11 association and has continuously held the accreditation for the number of
12 years required by the Division of Higher Education; and

13 (7) "Unit of study" means a class, single component, or subject
14 offered by a state-supported institution of higher education for the
15 completion of a degree or that leads to a postsecondary award, including
16 academic credit, or for the purposes of auditing a class.

17
18 6-60-1604. Prohibitions.

19 (a) An officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, or contractor
20 of a state-supported institution of higher education shall not compel another
21 officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, contractor, or student of
22 the state-supported institution of higher education to personally affirm,
23 adopt, or adhere to ideas or beliefs in violation of Title IV, Title VI, or
24 Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including without limitation:

25 (1) That an individual should be adversely or advantageously
26 treated on the basis of his or her race, ethnicity, sex, color, or national
27 origin; and

28 (2) That an individual student of a state-supported institution
29 of higher education or group of students of a state-supported institution of
30 higher education, by virtue of their race, ethnicity, sex, color, or national
31 origin, bear collective guilt or are inherently responsible for actions
32 committed by other members of the same race, ethnicity, sex, color, or
33 national origin.

34 (b) An officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, or contractor
35 of a state-supported institution of higher education shall not adversely or
36 advantageously treat students of the state-supported institution of higher

1 education differently on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, color, or
2 national origin except to the extent otherwise allowed by federal law.

3 (c)(1) An officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, or
4 contractor of a state-supported institution of higher education, when acting
5 in the course of his or her official duties, shall not organize, participate
6 in, or carry out any act or communication that would violate subsection (a)
7 of this section.

8 (2) The prohibition under subdivision (c)(1) of this section
9 shall not be construed to prohibit an employee of a state-supported
10 institution of higher education from:

11 (A) Discussing the ideas and history of the concepts
12 described in subsection (a) of this section for legitimate educational,
13 andragogical, or pedagogical purposes consistent with this subchapter; and

14 (B) Using methods of communication not in violation of
15 this subchapter.

16 (d) An officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, or contractor
17 of a state-supported institution of higher education may not condition
18 enrollment in or attendance of a class, training, or orientation of the
19 state-supported institution of higher education:

20 (1) On the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, color, or national
21 origin where not required by federal law; or

22 (2) On requiring an individual to personally affirm, adopt, or
23 adhere to a political, philosophical, religious, or other ideological
24 viewpoint.

25 (e) An officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, or contractor
26 of a state-supported institution of higher education shall not compel another
27 officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, contractor, or student of
28 the state-supported institution of higher education to personally affirm,
29 adopt, or adhere to a political, philosophical, religious, or other
30 ideological viewpoint.

31 (f) A state-supported institution of higher education shall not:

32 (1) Collect and report information related to DEI for
33 institutional accreditation purposes;

34 (2) Comply with any institutional accreditation requirement
35 related to DEI, including without limitation the requirement of a diversity
36 statement from a state-supported institution of higher education or any

1 employee or contractor of a state-supported institution of higher education;
2 or

3 (3) Comply with any institutional accreditation requirement of
4 an accrediting agency that would require the state-supported institution of
5 higher education to violate this subchapter.

6 (g)(1) This subchapter does not prohibit officers, agents,
7 administrators, employees, teachers, contractors, or students of a state-
8 supported institution of higher education from discussing public policy
9 issues or ideas that individuals may find unwelcome, disagreeable, or
10 offensive.

11 (2) It is the policy of this state that a state-supported
12 institution of higher education educates students of the state-supported
13 institution of higher education on how to think and not what to think.

14 (h)(1) Upon the president or chancellor of a state-supported
15 institution of higher education receiving notice from the Attorney General of
16 a violation of this section, a state-supported institution of higher
17 education that does not immediately make all reasonable efforts to resolve
18 the violation of this section shall demonstrate compliance with all
19 requirements of this section within a reasonable time.

20 (2)(A) A state-supported institution of higher education that
21 fails to demonstrate compliance with all requirements of this section within
22 a reasonable time as required under subdivision (h)(1) of this section shall
23 not be eligible for state funding under the state higher education funding
24 formula.

25 (B) In order to regain eligibility for receipt of state
26 funding, a state-supported institution of higher education shall demonstrate
27 compliance with all requirements of this section for not less than one (1)
28 fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the state-supported institution of
29 higher education became ineligible for receipt of state funding.

30 (i) A state-supported institution of higher education shall not expend
31 any state funds and shall reject any federal funds whose receipt requires the
32 state-supported institution of higher education to violate this subchapter.

33 (j) This subchapter shall not be construed to prevent compliance with
34 any state or federal civil rights laws that do not depend on receipt of state
35 or federal funding.

36 (k) A state-supported institution of higher education shall not

1 require a current or prospective officer, agent, administrator, employee,
2 teacher, contractor, or student of the state-supported institution of higher
3 education to submit a statement or diversity statement describing his or her
4 views on matters related to race, ethnicity, sex, color, or national origin
5 to be considered for the purposes of hiring, evaluating, admitting, or
6 promoting the officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, contractor,
7 or student of the state-supported institution of higher education.

8 (l) This subchapter does not prohibit a state-supported institution of
9 higher education from directing recruitment, advertisement, or promotion
10 efforts to a specific population of prospective or existing students.

11 (m) This subchapter may be enforced by the Attorney General on behalf
12 of the state.

13 14 Subchapter 17 – Arkansas Direct Admissions Program

15 16 6-60-1701 Title.

17 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Arkansas Direct
18 Admissions Program Act”.

19 20 6-60-1702. Definitions.

21 As used in this subchapter:

22 (1) “Application requirements” means the forms, payments, or
23 activities that are required to be completed by a student to apply to a
24 state-supported institution of higher education as set by each participating
25 institution;

26 (2) “Eligible student” means a student who resides in Arkansas
27 and attends a public or private accredited high school that has agreed to
28 participate in the Arkansas Direct Admissions Program;

29 (3) “Enrollment requirements” means the forms, payments, or
30 activities that are required to be completed by a student to enroll in a
31 state-supported institution of higher education as set by each participating
32 institution;

33 (4) “Participating institution” means a state-supported
34 institution of higher education, community college, or technical college
35 within Arkansas that uses the Arkansas Direct Admissions Program;

36 (5) “Participating public school” means:

1 (A) A public high school within a traditional public
2 school district that is accredited by the State Board of Education;

3 (B) An open-enrollment public charter school organized as
4 a high school that is authorized by the charter authorizing panel; and

5 (C) A private high school that is accredited by:

6 (i) The Arkansas Nonpublic School Accrediting
7 Association, Inc., or its successor; or

8 (ii) Another accrediting association recognized by
9 the state board;

10 (6) "Provisional admissions criteria" means the minimum academic
11 requirements that a student is required to meet to receive a provisional
12 admissions offer from a participating institution; and

13 (7)(A) "Provisional admissions offer" means a determination that
14 a student meets admissions criteria.

15 (B) "Provisional admissions offer" does not mean
16 acceptance to a participating institution.

17
18 § 6-60-1703. Arkansas Direct Admissions Program.

19 (a) There is established the Arkansas Direct Admissions Program.

20 (b) The program shall:

21 (1) Begin implementation with the high school graduating class
22 of 2026-2027;

23 (2) Establish:

24 (A) Provisional admissions criteria, including without
25 limitation:

26 (i) Grade point average;

27 (ii) Assessment scores; and

28 (iii) Course completion;

29 (B) Eligibility requirements for participating
30 institutions that include without limitation:

31 (i) Application requirements; and

32 (ii) Enrollment requirements; and

33 (C) Eligibility requirements for participating public
34 schools;

35 (3) Require the collection of student academic information to
36 determine provisional admissions offers;

1 (4) Include a common application portal for eligible students to
2 participate in the program that may include without limitation:

3 (A) Information about participating institutions;

4 (B) Communication of provisional admissions offers to
5 participating students; and

6 (C) Information about available financial aid; and

7 (5) Include a plan to conduct outreach to eligible students to
8 provide the eligible students with information regarding the operation of the
9 program.

10 (c) This section shall not prevent a student who does not qualify for
11 a provisional admissions offer from applying for enrollment in a
12 participating institution through the participating institution's existing
13 admissions process.

14 (d) The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to implement
15 this subchapter.

16
17 § 6-60-1704. Duties of public school districts and open-enrollment
18 public charter schools.

19 (a) A public school district or open-enrollment public charter school
20 may opt to participate in the Arkansas Direct Admissions Program.

21 (b) A participating public school shall provide student data to the
22 Division of Higher Education that includes without limitation:

23 (1) Grade point average;

24 (2) Assessment scores; and

25 (3) Course completion.

26 (c)(1) Each public school district and open-enrollment public charter
27 school shall inform all students about participation in the Arkansas Direct
28 Admissions Program.

29 (2) A public school district or open-enrollment public charter
30 school shall not actively discourage or prohibit an eligible student from
31 participating in the Arkansas Direct Admissions Program.

32
33 SECTION 49. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 1, is
34 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

35 § 6-61-144. Purple Star Campuses.

36 (a) A state-supported institution of higher education that shows a

1 significant commitment to serving students and families connected to the
2 United States Armed Forces may be designated as a Purple Star Campus.

3 (b) The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to implement
4 this section.

5
6 SECTION 50. Arkansas Code § 6-61-201(a)-(c), concerning membership of
7 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, are amended to read as
8 follows:

9 (a)(1) The Beginning May 1, 2025, the Arkansas Higher Education
10 Coordinating Board shall consist of ~~twelve (12)~~ seven (7) members appointed
11 by the Governor as follows:

12 (A)(i) ~~Six (6)~~ Four (4) members who shall be:

13 (a) Qualified electors of the State of
14 Arkansas; and

15 (b) Graduates of ~~public~~ two-year or four-year
16 state-supported institutions of higher education within the state.

17 (ii) If an appointee under this subdivision (a)(1)(A)
18 is serving as a member of a board of a two-year or four-year state-supported
19 institution of higher education at the time of appointment to the Arkansas
20 Higher Education Coordinating Board, the appointee shall relinquish his or
21 her membership on the board of the two-year or four-year state-supported
22 institution of higher education; and

23 (B)(i) ~~Six (6)~~ Three (3) members shall be selected from
24 business, industry, education, agriculturally related industry, and medical
25 services and shall not be current members of a board of a ~~public~~ two-year or
26 four-year state-supported institution of higher education.

27 (ii) At least one (1) of the appointees shall have a
28 strong interest in and commitment to economic and workforce development.

29 (iii) At least one (1) of the appointees shall have
30 experience in the knowledge-based technology field.

31 (2) No more than ~~four (4)~~ two (2) members of the Arkansas Higher
32 Education Coordinating Board shall be appointed from any one (1)
33 congressional district as the districts exist at the time of the appointment.

34 (b) Vacancies on the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board
35 shall be filled for the unexpired terms, and the appointments shall be made
36 in the same manner as the positions vacated.

1 (c)~~(1)~~ The members of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board
2 shall serve staggered terms of six (6) years.

3 ~~(2) The terms of two (2) members shall expire each year.~~
4

5 SECTION 51. Arkansas Code § 6-61-202(a), concerning powers and duties
6 of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, is amended to add
7 additional subdivisions to read as follows:

8 (8) Perform all other functions that may now or hereafter be
9 delegated to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board by law; and

10 (9) Promulgate rules to perform all duties and obligations to
11 implement this subchapter.
12

13 SECTION 52. Arkansas Code § 6-61-231(b)(1), concerning the purpose of
14 the statewide transfer agreement, is amended to read as follows:

15 (b)(1) The purpose of this section is to eliminate obstacles to
16 transfers of credits among ~~public~~ state-supported institutions of higher
17 education in Arkansas by providing a seamless transfer of academic credits
18 from a completed designated transfer degree program or a completed state
19 minimum core curriculum to a baccalaureate degree program without the loss of
20 earned credits and without the receiving ~~public~~ state-supported institution
21 of higher education requiring additional lower-division ~~general education~~
22 credits.
23

24 SECTION 53. Arkansas Code § 6-61-231(c), concerning the statewide
25 transfer agreement developed by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating
26 Board, is amended to add an additional subdivision read as follows:

27 (6)(A) Provides for a reverse transfer agreement for a student
28 seeking an associate degree that transfers to a four-year state-supported
29 institution of higher education before earning an associate degree.

30 (B)(i) Except as provided in subsection (c)(6)(B)(ii), a
31 student shall be awarded an associate degree by the two-year state-supported
32 institution of higher education upon completing the degree requirements at
33 the four-year state-supported institution of higher education if the student
34 earned more than thirty (30) credit hours toward the associate degree at the
35 two-year state-supported institution of higher education.

36 (ii) A student eligible to receive an associate

1 degree under subdivision (c)(6)(B)(i) of this section shall be:

2 (a) Notified in writing by the state-supported
3 institution of higher education awarding the associate degree that the
4 student is eligible to receive an associate degree;

5 (b) Provided an opportunity to decline the
6 award of the associate degree;

7 (c) Awarded the associate degree if the
8 student takes no action within thirty (30) days of being provided notice
9 under subdivision (c)(6)(B)(ii)(a) of this section; and

10 (d) Awarded the associate degree by the four-
11 year state-supported institution of higher education if the student elects to
12 be awarded the associate degree by the four-year state-supported institution
13 of higher education upon completion of the degree requirements.

14 (C)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(6)(B)(ii)(d),
15 a four-year state-supported institution of higher education shall:

16 (a) Identify each student who has completed at
17 least sixty (60) hours of academic credit and met the state core curriculum
18 requirements; and

19 (b) Forward a copy of the student's transcript
20 to the two-year state-supported institution of higher education.

21 (ii) If a student attended more than one (1) two-
22 year state-supported institution of higher education, the student's
23 transcript shall be sent to the two-year state-supported institution of
24 higher education that provided the largest number of credit hours.

25 (iii) The two-year state-supported institution of
26 higher education shall notify the four-year state-supported institution of
27 higher education if the associate degree has been conferred.

28 (iv) Upon notification, the four-year state-
29 supported institution of higher education is no longer required to forward
30 subsequent transcripts of the student at the completion of each term.

31
32 SECTION 54. Arkansas Code § 6-61-231(d)(2)(B), concerning the
33 requirement of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board related to
34 the statewide transfer agreement to identify postsecondary career education
35 programs offered by two-year public institutions of higher education is
36 amended to read as follows:

1 (B) Postsecondary career and technical education programs
2 offered by two-year ~~public~~ state-supported institutions of higher education,
3 including those designated as college-credit courses applicable toward a
4 certificate or degree;

5
6 SECTION 55. Arkansas Code § 6-61-234 is amended to read as follows:

7 6-61-234. Productivity-based funding model.

8 (a)(1)~~(A)~~ ~~The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt~~
9 ~~policies developed by the~~ Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules
10 ~~necessary~~ to implement a productivity-based funding model for state-supported
11 institutions of higher education, including without limitation two-year and
12 four-year state-supported institutions of higher education.

13 ~~(B) The board shall adopt separate policies for two-year~~
14 ~~institutions of higher education and four-year institutions of higher~~
15 ~~education.~~

16 (2) The ~~policies~~ rules adopted to implement a productivity-based
17 funding model for state-supported institutions of higher education shall
18 contain measures for effectiveness, affordability, and efficiency that
19 acknowledge the following priorities:

20 (A) Differences in institutional missions;

21 (B) Completion of students' educational goals;

22 (C) Progression toward students' completion of programs of
23 study;

24 (D) Affordability through:

25 (i) On-time completion of programs of study;

26 (ii) Limiting the number of excess credits earned by
27 students; and

28 (iii) Efficient allocation of resources;

29 (E)(i) Beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year,
30 incorporation of a return on investment metric into the productivity-based
31 funding model.

32 (ii) The return on investment metric under
33 subdivision (a)(2)(E)(i) of this section shall be defined by rule of the
34 Division of Higher Education.

35 (iii) The Division of Higher Education shall ensure
36 that the return on investment metric required under subdivision (a)(2)(E)(i)

1 of this section is aligned with state economic and workforce needs;

2 ~~(E)~~(F) Institutional collaboration that encourages the
3 successful transfer of students;

4 ~~(F)~~(G) Success in serving underrepresented students; and

5 ~~(G)~~(H) Production of students graduating with credentials
6 ~~in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and high-demand fields that~~
7 align with statewide and regional workforce needs.

8 (3)(A) The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to
9 implement a funding formula to support noncredit programs at a state-
10 supported institution of higher education.

11 (B) Funding for a noncredit program may come from the
12 following:

13 (i) General revenues authorized by law; and

14 (ii) Any other funds as provided by law.

15 (C) The Division of Higher Education shall consult with
16 the Governor's Workforce Cabinet during development of the funding formula
17 for the noncredit programs under subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this section.

18 ~~(3)~~(4) The productivity-based funding model shall not determine
19 the funding needs of special units such as a medical school, a division of
20 agriculture, or system offices.

21 (b) The productivity-based funding model shall be:

22 (1) Used to align institutional funding with statewide
23 priorities for higher education by:

24 (A) Encouraging programs and services focused on student
25 success; and

26 (B) Providing incentives for progress toward statewide
27 goals; and

28 (2) Built around a set of shared principles that:

29 (A) Are embraced by state-supported institutions of higher
30 education;

31 (B) Employ appropriate productivity metrics; and

32 (C) Are aligned with goals and objectives for
33 postsecondary education attainment in this state.

34 ~~board~~ (c)(1) The Division of Higher Education shall use the
35 productivity-based funding model as the mechanism for recommending funding
36 for state-supported institutions of higher education.

1 (2) The ~~board~~ Division of Higher Education shall recommend
2 funding for:

3 (A) State-supported institutions of higher education as a
4 whole; and

5 (B) The allocation of funding to each state-supported
6 institution of higher education.

7 (3) The ~~board~~ Division of Higher Education ~~shall~~ may make
8 separate recommendations for:

9 (A) ~~two-year~~ Two-year state-supported institutions of
10 higher education; and

11 (B) ~~four-year~~ Four-year state-supported institutions of
12 higher education.

13 (d) Funds unallocated to state-supported institutions of higher
14 education due to productivity declines shall be reserved by the ~~division~~
15 Division of Higher Education to address statewide needs in higher education.

16 (e) The ~~division~~ Division of Higher Education shall review the
17 policies every five (5) years to ensure the productivity-based funding model
18 continues to respond to the needs and priorities of the state.

19 (f) In any fiscal year for which the aggregate general revenue funding
20 forecast to be available for state-supported institutions of higher education
21 is greater than two percent (2%) less than the amount provided for the
22 immediate previous fiscal year, the division shall not further implement the
23 productivity-based funding model until the following fiscal year.

24
25 SECTION 56. Arkansas Code § 6-61-1010, concerning authority of the
26 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board under the Technical College and
27 Community College Capital Improvement Act of 1993, is amended to add an
28 additional subsection to read as follows:

29 (f) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board may promulgate
30 rules to implement this subchapter.

31
32 SECTION 57. Arkansas Code § 6-61-1402 is amended to read as follows:

33 6-61-1402. Courses included in common course numbering system.

34 (a)~~(1)~~ The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
35 collaboration with all state-supported institutions of higher education,
36 shall develop and approve a statewide common course numbering system ~~for~~

1 ~~lower division general education courses found within the Arkansas Course~~
2 ~~Transfer System.~~

3 ~~(2)(b)~~ A state-supported institution of higher education that is
4 not in full compliance with this subchapter shall not be eligible to accept
5 state aid from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account on behalf of a
6 student.

7 ~~(b)(1)~~ A course designated as an upper division course level may be
8 offered by any four year state supported institution of higher education and
9 shall be characterized by a need for advanced academic preparation and skills
10 that a student would be unlikely to achieve without significant prior
11 coursework.

12 ~~(2)~~ Upper division courses are not required to be included in
13 the common course numbering system.

14 ~~(c)~~ A course designated as a lower division course level may be
15 offered by any state supported institution of higher education.

16 ~~(d)~~ The common course numbering system shall include the thirty-five-
17 hour general education core and major program prerequisites that are included
18 in the state minimum core curriculum under § 6-61-231.

19
20 SECTION 58. Arkansas Code § 6-61-1403 is amended to read as follows:

21 6-61-1403. Additions or alterations.

22 ~~(a)~~ The Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education shall
23 recommend to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board any additions
24 or alterations to the common course numbering system.

25 ~~(b)~~ The board, with input from the Presidents Council, shall consider
26 the recommended additions and alterations to the common course numbering
27 system.

28 ~~(c)~~ The board may adopt or refuse to adopt suggested additions or
29 alterations to the common course numbering system.

30 Beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year, the Division of Higher
31 Education, in collaboration with the Division of Elementary and Secondary
32 Education, shall:

33 (1) Make recommendations for additions and alterations to the
34 common course numbering system; and

35 (2) Review the common course numbering system to begin aligning
36 elementary and secondary courses.

1
2 SECTION 59. Arkansas Code § 6-61-1406 is amended to read as follows:
3 6-61-1406. Courses review.

4 (a) The Division of Higher Education, in consultation with the
5 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall:

6 (1) Regularly schedule reviews of ~~courses that are listed in the~~
7 common course numbering system; and

8 (2) Establish review procedures; ~~and~~

9 ~~(3) Adopt policies to carry out this section.~~

10 (b) The Division of Higher Education, in collaboration with the
11 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, may promulgate rules to
12 implement this subchapter.
13

14 SECTION 60. Arkansas Code § 6-63-104 is amended to read as follows:
15 6-63-104. Faculty performance review.

16 (a)(1) The president and chancellor of each state-supported
17 institution of higher education in Arkansas shall work with the campus
18 faculties to develop a framework to review faculty performance, including
19 post-tenure review.

20 (2)(A) The framework should be used to develop processes and
21 procedures at each state-supported institution to ensure a consistently high
22 level of performance of the faculty at ~~Arkansas's publicly supported~~
23 ~~institutions~~ a state-supported institution of higher education.

24 (B) The effects of the review process of faculty
25 performance should include rewarding productive faculty, redirecting faculty
26 efforts to improve or to increase productivity, and correcting instances of
27 substandard performance.

28 (C) The framework developed by each state-supported
29 institution shall be reported to the House Committee on Education, the Senate
30 Committee on Education, the Joint Interim Oversight Committee on Education
31 Reform, and the Division of Higher Education no later than December 1, ~~1998~~
32 2025, and shall be implemented on the respective campuses no later than
33 January 1, ~~2001~~ 2026.

34 (b)(1) Pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each state-
35 supported institution of higher education in Arkansas shall conduct a
36 rigorous, consistently applied, annual review of the performance of all full-

1 time faculty members.

2 (2) This review shall include assessments by peers, students,
3 and administrators and shall be utilized to ensure a consistently high level
4 of performance and serve in conjunction with other appropriate information as
5 a basis for decisions on promotion, salary increases, and job tenure. The
6 evaluation by students and administrative staff, shall be applicable to all
7 teaching faculty, full time, part time, and graduate teaching assistants and
8 shall include an assessment of the fluency in English of the faculty member
9 or graduate teaching assistant. This review shall not be used to demote a
10 tenured faculty member to a nontenured status.

11 (3) The review process may result in the following corrective
12 actions:

13 (A) Remedial training;

14 (B) Removal of tenure status; or

15 (C) Any other action permitted by the state-supported
16 institution of higher education's review policy.

17 (4)(A) A state-supported institution of higher education may
18 require an immediate for cause review of a faculty member as described in
19 subsection (f) of this section.

20 (B) A tenured faculty member may appeal a state-supported
21 institution of higher education's performance review decision in accordance
22 with the provisions set by the state-supported institution of higher
23 education in its faculty performance review framework.

24 (C) A state-supported institution of higher education
25 shall provide a tenured faculty member with appropriate due process.

26 (c)(1) Each college and university state-supported institution of
27 higher education shall continually make efforts to identify any English
28 fluency deficiencies of the teaching faculty and shall take reasonable
29 measures to assist deficient faculty members in becoming proficient in
30 English; however, the responsibility of acquiring the level of English
31 proficiency required for the faculty member's teaching, research, or service
32 assignments rests with the faculty member.

33 (2) Each college and university state-supported institution of
34 higher education shall have a process for addressing concerns raised by
35 students concerning language proficiency problems of faculty members.

36 (d)(1) The division A state-supported institution of higher education

1 shall be responsible for monitoring the ~~evaluation~~ performance review process
2 ~~and shall report its findings to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating~~
3 ~~Board and to the Legislative Council by August 1 of each year of all faculty~~
4 ~~members.~~

5 (2) The state-supported institution of higher education shall
6 report by August 1 each year to its governing board the number of:

7 (A) Tenure track positions;

8 (B) Faculty members with current tenure status;

9 (C) Faculty members that initially received tenure status;

10 (D) Faculty members with tenure status in which tenure was
11 reviewed that year; and

12 (E) Faculty members whose tenure status was:

13 (i) Maintained;

14 (ii) Conditionally maintained; and

15 (iii) Revoked.

16 (3) A copy of the report under subdivision (d)(2) of this
17 section shall be provided to the division and the Legislative Council.

18 (e) Each state-supported institution of higher education shall require
19 full-time faculty members of the college of education and related disciplines
20 to work collaboratively with the accredited public schools in this state, and
21 such faculty involvement shall be included as part of the annual review of
22 the faculty as required by subsection (b) of this section.

23 (f) A state-supported institution of higher education may require an
24 immediate review of a faculty member, including a faculty member with tenure,
25 at any time if the state-supported institution of higher education determines
26 that the faculty member has:

27 (1) Exhibited professional incompetence in the performance of
28 his or her mandatory job duties;

29 (2) Continually or repeatedly failed to perform duties or meet
30 professional responsibilities of the faculty member's position;

31 (3) Failed to successfully complete any post-tenure review
32 professional development program;

33 (4) Violated laws or policies of a university system or a state-
34 supported institution of higher education that are substantially related to
35 the performance of the faculty member's duties;

36 (5) Been convicted of a crime affecting the fitness of the

1 faculty member to engage in teaching, research, service, outreach, or
2 administration;

3 (6) Engaged in unprofessional conduct that adversely affects the
4 state-supported institution of higher education or the faculty member's
5 performance of duties or meeting of responsibilities;

6 (7) Falsified the faculty member's academic credentials; or

7 (8) Met any other for cause justification as defined in the
8 state-supported institution of higher education's review policy.

9 (g) This section shall not affect the ability of a state-supported
10 institution of higher education to terminate or take other action against a
11 nontenured or at-will faculty member in accordance with the policies of the
12 state-supported institution of higher education.

13
14 SECTION 61. Arkansas Code § 6-80-105 is amended to read as follows:

15 6-80-105. Student financial aid – Scholarship stacking – Definitions.

16 (a) As used in this section:

17 (1) "Cost of attendance" means the ~~recognized cost of attendance~~
18 ~~of an institution of higher education calculated under rules established by~~
19 ~~the Division of Higher Education~~ amount reported as the cost of attendance by
20 an institution of higher education to the Division of Higher Education
21 through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System;

22 (2) "Federal aid" means scholarships or grants awarded to a
23 student as a result of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid,
24 excluding the Pell Grant;

25 (3) "Other aid" means a scholarship, grant, waiver, or
26 reimbursement for tuition, fees, books, or other cost of attendance, other
27 than federal aid or state aid, provided to a student from a postsecondary
28 institution or a private source;

29 (4) "State aid" means scholarships or grants awarded to a
30 student from public funds, including without limitation the Arkansas Academic
31 Challenge Scholarship under § 6-85-201 et seq., the ~~Division of Higher~~
32 ~~Education~~ division's scholarship and grant programs, state general revenues,
33 tuition, and local tax revenue; and

34 (5)(A) "Student aid package" means federal aid, state aid, and
35 other aid a student receives for postsecondary education expenses.

36 (B) "Student aid package" does not include federal aid,

1 state aid, or other aid received by a student who is:

2 (i) An active member of the United States Armed
3 Forces;

4 (ii) An active member of the National Guard;

5 (iii) A member of the reserve components of the
6 armed forces; or

7 (iv) The spouse of a person under subdivision
8 (a)(5)(B)(i), subdivision (a)(5)(B)(ii), or subdivision (a)(5)(B)(iii) of
9 this section.

10 (b)(1) The federal cost of attendance method shall be used for all
11 students receiving state aid, regardless of whether a student is receiving
12 federal aid.

13 (2)(A) Costs that would not be included in the federal cost of
14 attendance shall not be included in the package for a student who receives
15 state aid.

16 (B) Exceptions to the normal federal cost of attendance
17 allowances as set forth in federal regulations may be included in the cost of
18 attendance calculations.

19 (C) Institutional work study is not included in cost of
20 attendance unless the institutional work study is need-based.

21 (3) A postsecondary institution shall not award state aid in a
22 student aid package in excess of the cost of attendance at the institution
23 where the student enrolls.

24 ~~(2) For the purpose of stacking scholarships in a student's~~
25 ~~student aid package, the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship under § 6-~~
26 ~~85-201 et seq. shall be reduced or returned first.~~

27 (4) A two-year private postsecondary institution of higher
28 education shall not award state aid in a student aid package at a cost
29 greater than any two-year state-supported institution of higher education.

30 (5) A four-year private postsecondary institution of higher
31 education shall not award state aid in a student aid package at a cost
32 greater than any four-year state-supported institution of higher education.

33 (6) An institution of higher education shall award aid in the
34 following order:

35 (A) The Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship;

36 (B) Any other state scholarship program, excluding the

1 Arkansas Future Grant Program, Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program,
2 and Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver Program;

3 (C) The Arkansas Future Grant Program, Arkansas Teacher
4 Academy Scholarship Program, or Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver
5 Program; and

6 (D) Institutional aid.

7 (c) A postsecondary institution shall report to the division, no later
8 than September 30 of each year, the total amount of federal aid, state aid,
9 and other aid a student receives if the student receives an award from a
10 division scholarship or grant program, including the Arkansas Academic
11 Challenge Scholarship under § 6-85-201 et seq.

12 (d)(1) When a student receives a student aid package that includes
13 state aid and the student aid package exceeds the cost of attendance, the
14 postsecondary institution shall repay state aid in the amount exceeding the
15 cost of attendance, ~~starting with state aid received under the Arkansas~~
16 ~~Academic Challenge Scholarship under § 6-85-201 et seq~~ utilizing the stacking
17 order under subdivision (b)(6) of this section.

18 (2) The division shall credit the excess state aid funds to the
19 appropriate division fund or trust account.

20 (e) A student awarded state aid shall disclose all state aid, federal
21 aid, and other aid to:

22 (1) The division if the division awards state aid to the
23 student; and

24 (2) A postsecondary institution that awards state aid or other
25 aid to the student.

26 (f) Except as otherwise provided by federal law, federal aid will be
27 applied before state aid governed by this section.

28
29 SECTION 62. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 80, Subchapter 1, is
30 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

31 6-80-110. Utilization of the Classic Learning Test.

32 (a) A state-supported institution of higher education shall accept the
33 Classic Learning Test (CLT) examination to the same extent the state-
34 supported institution of higher education accepts the ACT test and the SAT
35 test.

36 (b)(1) Subsection (a) of this section shall apply to admissions

1 criteria and eligibility criteria for state-funded financial assistance
2 programs.

3 (2) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to
4 institutional assistance programs.

5
6 SECTION 63. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 80, is amended to add an
7 additional subchapter to read as follows:

8 Subchapter 2 – Residency Classification for State-funded Scholarships at
9 State-Supported Institutions of Higher Education

10
11 6-80-201. Title.

12 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Residency
13 Classification for State-funded Scholarships at State-Supported Institutions
14 of Higher Education”.

15
16 6-80-202. Residency classification for state-funded scholarships
17 administered by Division of Higher Education.

18 (a)(1) In making decisions about the residency classification or
19 reclassification of a student for state-funded scholarship purposes, unless
20 otherwise specified by statute, a student shall be classified as an in-state
21 resident for state-funded scholarship purposes only if the student:

22 (A) Will graduate or has graduated from an Arkansas public
23 school, private school, or home school within nine (9) months of enrolling in
24 the state-supported institution of higher education; or

25 (B) Established legal residency in Arkansas by:

26 (i) Meeting the requirements of rules promulgated by the
27 Division of Higher Education; and

28 (ii) Being physically present in Arkansas for at least six
29 (6) continuous months with the intent to remain in Arkansas.

30 (2) Mere physical presence in Arkansas is not sufficient to
31 establish residency or demonstrate future intent under subdivision (a)(1)(B)
32 of this section.

33 (3) A student who claims in-state residency for purposes of
34 state-funded scholarship eligibility but receives Free Application for
35 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) verification that he or she is not an in-state
36 resident shall have his or her state-funded scholarship amount reduced or

rescinded to reflect the change in residency status.

(b) A member of the United States Armed Forces who is stationed in Arkansas under military orders, along with his or her dependents, is entitled to classification as an in-state resident for state-funded scholarship purposes.

6-80-203. Duties and responsibilities of students.

(a)(1) It is the responsibility of each student, at the time of registration, to seek the proper residency classification for state-funded scholarship purposes.

(2) A participating state-supported institution of higher education shall have a process for a student to appeal a residency classification for state-funded scholarship purposes

(b)(1) A student who knowingly gives false information to establish residency classification for state-funded scholarship purposes shall be subject to dismissal by the state-supported institution of higher education.

(2) An initial classification as an out-of-state student shall not limit the right of a student to be reclassified later as a resident of Arkansas for state-funded scholarship purposes provided that the student can establish proof of legal residence in Arkansas.

SECTION 64. Arkansas Code § 6-81-604(6), concerning the grade point average required for grant recipients under the Teacher Opportunity Program, is amended to read as follows:

(6) Grant recipients shall maintain a cumulative grade point average in their college work of no less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or maintain an appropriate equivalent as determined by the Division of Higher Education.

SECTION 65. Arkansas Code § 6-81-605 is amended to read as follows:

6-81-605. Grants – Priority.

(a)(1) The first priority for the award of funds under the Teacher Opportunity Program is the award ~~of reimbursements~~ for additional education in:

(A) Science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields;

(B) Computer science;

1 (C) Literacy or reading;

2 (D) Prekindergarten education; or

3 (E) Special education.

4 (2) If funds are available after all awards are made under
5 subdivision (a)(1) of this section, then additional ~~reimbursements~~ awards may
6 be made in accordance with the following:

7 (A)(i) A teacher may receive an award if seeking dual
8 licensure in an additional subject area different from the subject area in
9 which the teacher is currently teaching, if he or she does not have a current
10 license for the additional subject area.

11 (ii) The amount of the award and the number of
12 recipients selected by the Division of Higher Education is contingent on the
13 appropriation and availability of funding for that purpose;

14 (B)(i) A student may receive reimbursements up to but not
15 in excess of the cost of his or her student fees, books, and instructional
16 supplies at the public institution of higher education in this state
17 assessing the highest rate of student fees an award that shall not exceed the
18 cost of tuition and fees required to complete six (6) semester credit hours
19 per academic year.

20 (ii) For purposes of award disbursement under
21 subdivision (a)(2)(B)(i) of this section, an academic year begins in the fall
22 semester and runs through the summer semester;

23 ~~(B) The reimbursements made to one (1) student within one~~
24 ~~(1) fiscal year may not exceed the costs associated with six (6) semester~~
25 ~~credit hours or the equivalent of six (6) semester credit hours; and~~

26 (C) All other requirements established by the Division of
27 Higher Education are met.

28 (b)(1) The Division of Higher Education shall determine priorities for
29 ~~awarding reimbursements~~ awards if there are more applicants than funds
30 available.

31 (2) Priorities shall be determined in coordination with the
32 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and shall be based on the
33 needs of the state.
34

35 SECTION 66. Arkansas Code § 6-81-607(3), concerning the definition of
36 "student" under the Teacher Opportunity Program, is amended to add an

1 additional subdivision to read as follows:

2 (F) Any other subject matter as determined by the
3 division.

4
5 SECTION 67. Arkansas Code §§ 6-81-608 and 6-81-609 are repealed.

6 ~~6-81-608. Dual Licensure Incentive Program.~~

7 ~~(a) There is created the Dual Licensure Incentive Program to encourage~~
8 ~~classroom teachers currently employed by school districts in the state to~~
9 ~~return to college to obtain licensure in one (1) or more additional subject~~
10 ~~areas.~~

11 ~~(b) The program shall be administered by the Division of Higher~~
12 ~~Education.~~

13 ~~(c)(1) A classroom teacher returning to college as a student may~~
14 ~~receive a reimbursement not to exceed the cost of student fees, books, and~~
15 ~~instructional supplies.~~

16 ~~(2) The student fee reimbursement amount shall be based on the~~
17 ~~student fees of the state-supported institution of higher education that~~
18 ~~assesses the highest rate of student fees in this state.~~

19 ~~(d) The reimbursement made to a classroom teacher returning to college~~
20 ~~as a student in one (1) fiscal year may not exceed the cost associated with~~
21 ~~six (6) semester credit hours or the equivalent of six (6) semester credit~~
22 ~~hours.~~

23
24 ~~6-81-609. Dual licensure funding.~~

25 ~~(a)(1)(A) A classroom teacher employed by a school district in the~~
26 ~~state may receive a reimbursement from the Dual Licensure Incentive Program~~
27 ~~if the classroom teacher returns to an approved institution of higher~~
28 ~~education to obtain licensure in an additional subject area.~~

29 ~~(i) Declared to be a shortage area by the Division~~
30 ~~of Elementary and Secondary Education;~~

31 ~~(ii) That the classroom teacher is currently teaching~~
32 ~~but for which he or she does not have a licensure; or~~

33 ~~(iii) And grade level in which the school district~~
34 ~~has requested a waiver under § 6-17-309.~~

35 ~~(B)(i) A reimbursement from the Dual Licensure Incentive~~
36 ~~Program shall include funding for the cost of tuition, books, and fees not to~~

1 ~~exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) each college year.~~

2 ~~(ii) The amount of the reimbursement and the number~~
3 ~~of reimbursement recipients selected by the Division of Higher Education is~~
4 ~~contingent on the appropriation and availability of funding for such a~~
5 ~~purpose.~~

6 ~~(2) To be eligible for a reimbursement under the Dual Licensure~~
7 ~~Incentive Program, the person shall be:~~

8 ~~(A) Employed as a classroom teacher for no less than three~~
9 ~~(3) years of teaching immediately preceding the application; and~~

10 ~~(B) Accepted for enrollment in a classroom teacher~~
11 ~~education program that will lead to a licensure to teach in a subject area~~
12 ~~that:~~

13 ~~(i) Is different from the classroom teacher's~~
14 ~~current area of licensure; and~~

15 ~~(ii) Either:~~

16 ~~(a) Has been identified as a subject area with~~
17 ~~a shortage of classroom teachers as declared by the Division of Elementary~~
18 ~~and Secondary Education; or~~

19 ~~(b) Is in the grade level and subject matter~~
20 ~~area for which the school district has requested a waiver under § 6-17-309.~~

21 ~~(b)(1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall~~
22 ~~promulgate rules as necessary to implement the Dual Licensure Incentive~~
23 ~~Program.~~

24 ~~(2) The number of classroom teacher participants each year shall~~
25 ~~be determined by the amount of funding available for the Dual Licensure~~
26 ~~Incentive Program and the limitations set under this section.~~

27
28 SECTION 68. Arkansas Code § 6-82-108(e), concerning funding of the
29 Academic Support Scholarship with certain remaining funds, is amended to read
30 as follows:

31 (e) A scholarship under this section shall be funded with any funds
32 remaining after the division allocates sufficient funding to award Arkansas
33 *Academic Challenge Scholarships under § 6-85-201 et seq., Arkansas Workforce*
34 *Challenge Scholarships under § 6-85-301 et seq., and ~~Arkansas Concurrent~~*
35 *Challenge Scholarships under § 6-85-401 et seq. ACCESS to Acceleration*
36 *Scholarships under § 6-85-701 et seq.*

SECTION 69. Arkansas Code § 6-82-302 is amended to read as follows:

6-82-302. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Academic ability" means the intellectual standing of a student. In determining superior academic ability, the Division of Higher Education shall examine the student's high school records, competitive examination scores, and demonstrated leadership capabilities;

(2) "Approved institution" means a ~~public~~ state-supported institution of higher education or private college or university:

(A) Which is dedicated to educational purposes, located in Arkansas, or located out of state and educating Arkansas residents in ~~dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine, podiatry, chiropractic, or osteopathy under agreement with the Southern Regional Education Board, accredited by an accrediting agency certified and recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Division of Agency Evaluation and Institutional Accreditation, or a school giving satisfactory assurance that it has the potential for accreditation and is making progress which, if continued, will result in its achieving accreditation~~ professional programs not offered in the state under the Arkansas Health Education Grant Program;

(B) Which does not discriminate in the admission of students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and

(C) Which subscribes to the principle of academic freedom;

(3) "Competitive examination" means a standardized examination measuring achievement which is administered annually on a specified date and at a specified location and which is announced publicly;

(4) "Eligible student" means a legal resident of the State of Arkansas as defined by the Division of Higher Education who:

(A) Is eligible for admission as a full-time student;

(B) Declares an intent to matriculate in an approved institution in Arkansas; and

(C) Graduates from+

~~(i) A a high school in this state, for Arkansas Governor's Scholars; or~~

~~(ii) A high school, for Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholars;~~

1 (5) "Exemplary academic achievement" means a student that
2 achieves exemplary performance, as determined by the division, based on one
3 (1) or more of the following:

4 (A) SAT, CLT, or ACT;

5 (B) High school grade point average;

6 (C) High school rank upon graduation;

7 (D) Associate degree upon graduation from high school; and

8 (E) Being a recipient of a diploma of distinction;

9 ~~(5)(A)~~(6)(A) "Extraordinary academic ability" means:

10 (i) Achievement of a superscore, as defined by § 6-
11 85-204, of 32 or above on the ACT or a score of 1410 or above on the SAT; and

12 (ii) ~~Either:~~

13 ~~(a) For students graduating from high school~~
14 ~~after December 31, 2001, A student graduating from high school with an~~
15 ~~achievement of a high school grade point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0~~
16 ~~scale; or~~

17 ~~(b) Selection as a finalist in either the~~
18 ~~National Merit Scholarship competition, the National Hispanic Recognition~~
19 ~~Program, or the National Achievement Scholarship competition conducted by the~~
20 ~~National Merit Scholarship Corporation.~~

21 ~~(B) For students graduating after December 31, 2001, the~~
22 ~~The~~ ACT superscores and SAT scores shall be earned by ~~December 31~~ February 28
23 prior to the application deadline in order for the scores to be considered by
24 the ~~Division of Higher Education~~ division for a scholarship award;

25 ~~(6)(7)~~ "Full-time student" means a legal resident of Arkansas
26 who is in attendance at an approved ~~private or public~~ institution and who is
27 enrolled in at least twelve (12) credit hours the first semester and fifteen
28 (15) hours thereafter, or other reasonable academic equivalent as defined by
29 the ~~Division of Higher Education~~ division;

30 ~~(7)(8)~~ "Scholarship" means an award to an eligible student for
31 matriculation in an approved institution in the State of Arkansas; and

32 ~~(8)(9)~~ "Undergraduate student" means an individual who is
33 enrolled in a postsecondary educational program which leads to or is directly
34 creditable toward the individual's first baccalaureate degree.

35
36 SECTION 70. Arkansas Code § 6-82-306, concerning eligibility under the

Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(e) An Arkansas Governor's Scholar shall be chosen based on a student who:

(1) Graduates with a diploma of distinction based on criteria determined by the State Board of Education; or

(2) Earns an associate degree upon completing the summer term immediately following graduation from high school.

(f) An Arkansas Governor's Scholar shall be chosen based on a student exhibiting the highest exemplary academic achievement if:

(1) There are no recipients of the Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholarship; or

(2) An Arkansas Governor's Scholar under subsection (e) of this section is not chosen in any given Arkansas county.

SECTION 71. Arkansas Code § 6-82-310, concerning the use of funds under the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) In the event the number of students who qualify for a scholarship under this subchapter during an academic year exceeds the amount of funds appropriated to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account for purposes of funding students who qualify for a scholarship under this subchapter during the given academic year, the excess awards that qualify for distribution under this subchapter shall be funded with any net proceeds from the state lottery remaining after the Division of Higher Education allocates sufficient funding to award the following scholarships at levels equivalent to the awards made in the previous academic year:

(1) Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-201 et seq.; and

(2) Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-301 et seq.

SECTION 72. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 5, is repealed.

~~Subchapter 5 — Children of Law Enforcement Officers, Etc.~~

~~6-82-501. Definitions.~~

~~As used in this subchapter:~~

1 ~~(1) “Child” or “children” means any natural child, adopted~~
2 ~~child, or stepchild who is eligible under § 6-82-504;~~

3 ~~(2) “Division of Community Correction employee” means any~~
4 ~~employee of the Division of Community Correction who suffers fatal injuries~~
5 ~~or wounds or becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries~~
6 ~~or wounds that occurred through contact with parolees, probationers, or~~
7 ~~center residents;~~

8 ~~(3)(A) “Emergency medical services personnel” means an~~
9 ~~individual licensed by the Department of Health at any level established by~~
10 ~~the rules adopted by the State Board of Health under the Emergency Medical~~
11 ~~Services Act, § 20-13-201 et seq., and authorized to perform those services~~
12 ~~set forth in the rules.~~

13 ~~(B) This shall include without limitation an emergency~~
14 ~~medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic,~~
15 ~~emergency medical services instructor, or emergency medical services~~
16 ~~instructor trainer;~~

17 ~~(4) “Firefighter” means any firefighter employed on a full-time~~
18 ~~or volunteer duty status while actually engaged in the performance of his or~~
19 ~~her duties;~~

20 ~~(5) “Law enforcement officer” means a:~~

21 ~~(A) Constable, which includes all duly elected constables~~
22 ~~of any beat of any county within the state while actually engaged in the~~
23 ~~performance of their duties concerning the criminal laws of the county and~~
24 ~~state;~~

25 ~~(B) Game warden, which includes all appointed game wardens~~
26 ~~employed by the State of Arkansas on a full-time duty status while actually~~
27 ~~engaged in their duties concerning the game laws of this state;~~

28 ~~(C) Municipal and college or university police officer,~~
29 ~~which includes all law enforcement officers of any municipality, college, or~~
30 ~~university who are regular duty personnel on full-time status and does not~~
31 ~~include auxiliary officers or those serving on a temporary or part-time~~
32 ~~status;~~

33 ~~(D) Sheriff or deputy sheriff, which includes all law~~
34 ~~enforcement officers of full-time status on a regular basis serving the~~
35 ~~sheriff’s department of any county but does not include deputy sheriffs who~~
36 ~~are engaged in administrative or civil duty or deputy sheriffs serving in a~~

1 ~~temporary capacity or part-time basis; and~~

2 ~~(E) State highway patrolman, which includes any law~~
3 ~~enforcement officer, regardless of department or bureau, of the Division of~~
4 ~~Arkansas State Police;~~

5 ~~(6) "State correction employee" means any employee of the~~
6 ~~Division of Correction or the Arkansas Correctional School District who~~
7 ~~becomes subject to injury through contact with inmates or parolees of the~~
8 ~~Division of Correction;~~

9 ~~(7) "State forestry employee" means an employee of the Arkansas~~
10 ~~Forestry Commission who is actively engaged in his or her duties of fighting~~
11 ~~forest fires;~~

12 ~~(8) "State highway employee" means any employee of the Arkansas~~
13 ~~Department of Transportation who actively engages in highway maintenance,~~
14 ~~construction, or traffic operations on the roadways and bridges of the state~~
15 ~~highway system while the roadways and bridges are open for use by the~~
16 ~~traveling public;~~

17 ~~(9) "State parks employee" means any employee of the Department~~
18 ~~of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism who is a commissioned law enforcement officer~~
19 ~~or emergency response employee while actively engaged in the performance of~~
20 ~~his or her duties; and~~

21 ~~(10) "Teacher" means any person employed by a public school for~~
22 ~~the purpose of giving instruction and whose employment requires state~~
23 ~~certification.~~

24
25 ~~6-82-502. Rules.~~

26 ~~The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board is directed and~~
27 ~~empowered to promulgate rules as necessary to administer benefits awarded~~
28 ~~under this subchapter by the Arkansas State Claims Commission.~~

29
30 ~~6-82-503. Entitlement.~~

31 ~~(a) If any Arkansas law enforcement officer, full-time or volunteer~~
32 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
33 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks~~
34 ~~employee, teacher, or state forestry employee suffers fatal injuries or~~
35 ~~wounds or becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries or~~
36 ~~wounds that occurred in the performance of a hazardous duty within the scope~~

1 ~~of his or her employment or that occurred en route to or returning from a~~
2 ~~location where a hazardous situation existed, his or her children and spouse~~
3 ~~shall be entitled to a total of eight (8) semesters, or the equivalent~~
4 ~~thereof, of scholarship awards without cost, exclusive of books, food, school~~
5 ~~supplies, materials, and dues or fees for extracurricular activities, at any~~
6 ~~state-supported college, university, or technical institute of his or her~~
7 ~~choice within this state. Up to four (4) semesters, or the equivalent~~
8 ~~thereof, may be taken at a technical institute.~~

9 ~~(b) Scholarship benefits shall not accrue under this subchapter to any~~
10 ~~person if the wounds or injuries suffered by any law enforcement officer,~~
11 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
12 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks~~
13 ~~employee, teacher, or state forestry employee are self-inflicted or if the~~
14 ~~death is self-induced.~~

15 ~~(c) Unless § 6-82-504(c) is applicable, the Arkansas State Claims~~
16 ~~Commission shall award any scholarship benefit provided by this subchapter at~~
17 ~~the same time that any death benefit or total and permanent disability~~
18 ~~benefit is awarded by the commission under the provisions of § 21-5-701 et~~
19 ~~seq.~~

20
21 ~~6-82-504. Awards to children.~~

22 ~~(a) In order for a natural child to be eligible to receive a~~
23 ~~scholarship benefit:~~

24 ~~(1) The child must have been born prior to the date of the death~~
25 ~~or total and permanent disability of the law enforcement officer,~~
26 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
27 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks~~
28 ~~employee, teacher, or state forestry employee; or~~

29 ~~(2) The law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical~~
30 ~~technician, state highway employee, state correction employee, Division of~~
31 ~~Community Correction employee, state parks employee, teacher, or state~~
32 ~~forestry employee or the spouse of the law enforcement officer, firefighter,~~
33 ~~emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state correction~~
34 ~~employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks employee,~~
35 ~~teacher, or state forestry employee must have been pregnant with the child at~~
36 ~~the time of the death or total and permanent disability of the law~~

1 ~~enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway~~
2 ~~employee, state correction employee, Division of Community Correction~~
3 ~~employee, state parks employee, teacher, or state forestry employee.~~

4 ~~(b) In order for an adopted child to be eligible to receive a~~
5 ~~scholarship benefit:~~

6 ~~(1) The child must have been adopted prior to the date of the~~
7 ~~death or total and permanent disability of the law enforcement officer,~~
8 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
9 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks~~
10 ~~employee, teacher, or state forestry employee; or~~

11 ~~(2) The child's adoption process must have begun prior to the~~
12 ~~date of the death or total and permanent disability of the law enforcement~~
13 ~~officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee,~~
14 ~~state correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state~~
15 ~~parks employee, teacher, or state forestry employee.~~

16 ~~(c) In order for a stepchild under nineteen (19) years of age to be~~
17 ~~eligible to receive a scholarship benefit:~~

18 ~~(1) The stepchild must have been listed as a dependent on the~~
19 ~~federal and state income tax returns of the law enforcement officer,~~
20 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
21 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks~~
22 ~~employee, teacher, or state forestry employee in each of the five (5) income~~
23 ~~years immediately prior to the date of the death or total and permanent~~
24 ~~disability of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical~~
25 ~~technician, state highway employee, state correction employee, Division of~~
26 ~~Community Correction employee, state parks employee, teacher, or state~~
27 ~~forestry employee; and~~

28 ~~(2) The stepchild must have received more than one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of~~
29 ~~his or her financial support from the law enforcement officer, firefighter,~~
30 ~~emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state correction~~
31 ~~employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks employee,~~
32 ~~teacher, or state forestry employee in each of the five (5) income years~~
33 ~~immediately prior to the date of the death or total and permanent disability~~
34 ~~of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician,~~
35 ~~state highway employee, state correction employee, Division of Community~~
36 ~~Correction employee, state parks employee, teacher, or state forestry~~

1 employee.

2 ~~(d) In order for a stepchild nineteen (19) years of age or older to be~~
3 ~~eligible to receive a scholarship benefit.~~

4 ~~(1) The stepchild must have been listed as a dependent on the~~
5 ~~federal and state income tax returns of the law enforcement officer,~~
6 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
7 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks~~
8 ~~employee, teacher, or state forestry employee in each of five (5) income~~
9 ~~years during the eight (8) years immediately prior to the date of the death~~
10 ~~or total and permanent disability of the law enforcement officer,~~
11 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
12 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, teacher,~~
13 ~~state parks employee, or state forestry employee; and~~

14 ~~(2) The stepchild must have received more than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of~~
15 ~~his or her financial support from the law enforcement officer, firefighter,~~
16 ~~emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state correction~~
17 ~~employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks employee,~~
18 ~~teacher, or state forestry employee in each of five (5) income years during~~
19 ~~the eight (8) years immediately prior to the date of the death or total and~~
20 ~~permanent disability of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency~~
21 ~~medical technician, state highway employee, state correction employee,~~
22 ~~Division of Community Correction employee, state parks employee, teacher, or~~
23 ~~state forestry employee.~~

24 ~~(e) If the covered public employee or his or her heirs did not file~~
25 ~~for the available death or disability benefit, but were otherwise eligible to~~
26 ~~receive, within the time frame provided in § 21-5-703, then the covered~~
27 ~~public employee's child or children who would have otherwise been eligible to~~
28 ~~receive the provided educational scholarship benefit under this section may~~
29 ~~individually file prior to their twenty-first birthdays a claim to receive~~
30 ~~the provided educational scholarship benefit.~~

31
32 ~~6-82-505. Limits for scholarship.~~

33 ~~(a) No child will be entitled to receive benefits under this~~
34 ~~subchapter during any semester or quarter when the child has reached twenty-~~
35 ~~three (23) years of age on or before the first day of the semester or~~
36 ~~quarter.~~

1 ~~(b) No spouse will be eligible for the education benefit if he or she~~
2 ~~remarries. The benefit will cease at the end of the semester at which the~~
3 ~~spouse is currently enrolled at the time of the marriage.~~

4
5 ~~6-82-506. Written application for benefits.~~

6 ~~Any person claiming benefits awarded by the Arkansas State Claims~~
7 ~~Commission under the provisions of this subchapter shall make written~~
8 ~~application with the Division of Higher Education on forms provided by the~~
9 ~~division.~~

10
11 ~~6-82-507. Renewal of scholarship.~~

12 ~~To retain eligibility for a scholarship benefit under this subchapter,~~
13 ~~a recipient shall:~~

14 ~~(1) Maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0~~
15 ~~scholastic grading scale; and~~

16 ~~(2) Meet any other continuing eligibility criteria established~~
17 ~~by the Division of Higher Education.~~

18
19 SECTION 73. Arkansas Code § 6-82-601(i)(3), concerning funding by
20 certain scholarships related to tuition waivers for dependents of certain
21 veterans, is amended to read as follows:

22 ~~(3) *Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-401 et seq*~~
23 ~~*ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship, § 6-85-701 et seq.*~~

24
25 SECTION 74. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1802(c), concerning continuing
26 eligibility under the Arkansas Future Grant Program, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 (c) A student may continue to be eligible until the student has:

29 (1) Received the grant for ~~five (5) academic semesters~~ a maximum
30 of seventy-five (75) course credit hours in which the student is enrolled;

31 (2) Obtained an associate degree; or

32 (3) Failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress, as
33 determined by the approved institution of higher education in which the
34 student is enrolled; ~~or~~

35 ~~(4) Failed to complete the mentoring or community service~~
36 ~~requirements under § 6-82-1804.~~

SECTION 75. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1803(a)(1), concerning distribution of the Arkansas Future Grant Program, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) An Arkansas Future Grant shall be ~~in~~:

(A) Distributed in accordance with the Division of Higher Education's stacking policy under § 6-80-105; and

(B) In an amount equal to the tuition, fees, and other charges incurred by a student who meets the requirements under § 6-82-1802 to attend an approved institution of higher education less the amount the student receives in:

~~(A) State-supported student financial assistance;~~

~~(B) Federal student financial assistance; and~~

~~(C) Private scholarships.~~

SECTION 76. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1804(a), concerning the written agreement requirements for a recipient of an Arkansas Future Grant, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) A student who receives an Arkansas Future Grant shall enter into a written agreement with the Division of Higher Education to:

~~(1)(A) Receive monthly mentoring from a mentor from an organization determined by the Division of Higher Education;~~

~~(B) A mentor under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall;~~

~~(i) Receive annual mentoring training;~~

~~(a) Developed by the Division of Higher Education; and~~

~~(b) Provided by a local volunteer group approved by the Division of Higher Education; and~~

~~(ii) Certify to the Division of Higher Education that at least one (1) time each semester the mentor has provided mentoring services by telephone, email, or in person to each student he or she is mentoring;~~

~~(2)(A) Complete at least ten (10) hours of community service each semester the student receives a grant;~~

~~(B)(i) A student may select a community service project that meets requirements developed by the Division of Higher Education;~~

1 ~~(ii) An approved institution of higher education may~~
2 ~~provide community services opportunities designed to benefit the approved~~
3 ~~institution of higher education community or the broader local community.~~

4 ~~(C) A student shall certify his or her community service~~
5 ~~to the approved institution of higher education by the last regular day of~~
6 ~~the semester the student received the grant; and~~

7 ~~(3)(A) Reside~~ reside in this state for ~~three (3) consecutive~~
8 ~~years~~ six (6) months and be employed beginning within six (6) months after
9 receiving an associate degree or a certification.

10 ~~(B)(2)~~ The Division of Higher Education may defer the
11 requirement under ~~subdivision (a)(3)(A)~~ subdivision (a)(1) of this section
12 if:

13 ~~(i)(A)~~ The Division of Higher Education, in
14 consultation with the Division of Workforce Services, determines that there
15 was no employment position available that would reasonably enable the student
16 to meet this requirement; or

17 ~~(ii)(B)~~ Special circumstances as determined by the
18 Division of Higher Education exist.

19 ~~(G)(3)~~ After the period of deferral, the student shall
20 begin or resume working in this state or become subject to repayment under
21 subsection (b) of this section.

22
23 SECTION 77. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2205(b), concerning the requirements
24 for an eligible postsecondary institution under the Arkansas Teacher Academy
25 Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:

26 (b) An eligible postsecondary institution may+

27 ~~(1) Develop~~ develop a portfolio of teacher preparation programs
28 to offer as part of its Arkansas Teacher Academy+;

29 ~~(2)(A) Give priority to students in grades eleven (11) and~~
30 ~~twelve (12).~~

31 ~~(B) However, an eligible postsecondary institution shall~~
32 ~~not exclude students in grades nine (9) and ten (10) from its Arkansas~~
33 ~~Teacher Academy; and~~

34 ~~(3)(A) Use scholarship funds that exceed the cost of tuition and~~
35 ~~fees at the eligible postsecondary institution to support its Arkansas~~
36 ~~Teacher Academy costs.~~

~~(B) However, if a scholarship awarded to an academy attendee under this subchapter does not cover the eligible postsecondary institution's tuition and fees after an academy attendee receives all other financial gifts, financial aid, and grants, the eligible postsecondary institution shall not charge an academy attendee awarded a scholarship under this subchapter the remaining difference.~~

SECTION 78. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2206(a), concerning scholarships under the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) ~~An~~ Effective beginning the 2025-2026 academic year, an eligible postsecondary institution shall provide to each academy attendee who is accepted and enrolled in its Arkansas Teacher Academy program an annual scholarship, not to exceed the maximum award as determined by the Division of Higher Education each eligible semester, up to the actual cost of the:

(A) Eligible postsecondary institution's tuition and fees for a maximum of:

(i) ~~Two (2) academic years, or four (4) academic semesters, not to exceed sixty (60) academic hours, or completion of the program~~ for an academy attendee who is a graduate student enrolled in the Arkansas Teacher Academy at the eligible postsecondary institution;

(ii) ~~Four (4) academic years, or eight (8) academic semesters, not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) academic hours, or completion of the program~~ for an undergraduate student enrolled in the Arkansas Teacher Academy at the eligible postsecondary institution; and

(iii)(a) ~~Two (2) academic years, or four (4) academic semesters, not to exceed sixty (60) academic hours, or completion of the program~~ for a community college student enrolled in the Arkansas Teacher Academy at the eligible postsecondary institution.

(b) A student who qualifies under subdivision (a)(1)(A)(iii)(a) of this section shall receive continued eligibility for two (2) additional academic years or four (4) additional academic semesters at a postsecondary institution that is an undergraduate institution; and

(B) Obtainment of a teaching license issued by the State Board of Education, including without limitation the actual cost of one (1) exam required for obtaining a teaching license issued by the state board.

(2) A scholarship distributed to an academy attendee under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be distributed ~~only after all other financial gifts, financial aid, and grants have been received by an academy attendee enrolled in an Arkansas Teacher Academy at an eligible postsecondary institution~~ in accordance with the division's scholarship stacking policy under § 6-80-105.

(3) In compliance with the division's scholarship stacking policy, a student's total financial aid package, which can include multiple scholarships, shall not exceed the recognized cost of attendance at a state-supported institution of higher education.

SECTION 79. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82 is amended to add additional *subchapters* to read as follows:

Subchapter 25 – Arkansas Heroes Scholarship Act

6-82-2501. Title.

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Heroes Scholarship Act".

6-82-2502. Purpose.

The purpose of this subchapter is to create a scholarship to be known as the "Arkansas Heroes Scholarship" that honors the heroic efforts of the individuals who served as Arkansas's heroes and their families.

6-82-2503. Definitions.

(a) As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Arkansas hero" means:

(A) One (1) of the following who suffers a fatal injury or wound or becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries or wounds that occurred in the performance of a hazardous duty within the scope of his or her employment or that occurred en route to or returning from a location where a hazardous situation existed:

(i) A law enforcement officer;

(ii) A firefighter;

(iii) An emergency medical technician;

(iv) A state highway employee;

1 (v) A state correction employee;
2 (vi) A Division of Community Correction employee;
3 (vii) A state parks employee; or
4 (viii) A state forestry employee;
5 (B) A disabled veteran;
6 (C) A prisoner of war;
7 (D) A recipient of a Medal of Honor or Purple Heart;
8 (E) A person declared to be missing in action or killed in
9 action;
10 (F) A person killed on ordnance delivery;
11 (G) A teacher who suffers a fatal injury or wound or
12 becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries or wounds
13 that occurred due to an act of violence at a public school or open-enrollment
14 charter school in this state;
15 (2) "Child" means a natural child, an adopted child, or a
16 stepchild who is eligible to receive a scholarship under this subchapter;
17 (3) "Disabled veteran" means a person who has been awarded
18 either:
19 (A) United States Armed Forces disability retirement
20 benefits; or
21 (B) Special monthly compensation by the United States
22 Department of Veterans Affairs for service-connected, one hundred percent
23 (100%) total and permanent disability;
24 (4) "Division of Community Correction employee" means an
25 employee of the Division of Community Correction who suffers a fatal injury
26 or wound or becomes permanently and totally disabled because of an injury or
27 wound that occurred through contact with a parolee, probationer, or center
28 resident;
29 (5)(A) "Emergency medical services personnel" means an
30 individual licensed by the Department of Health at any level established by
31 the rules adopted by the State Board of Health under the Emergency Medical
32 Services Act, § 20-13-201 et seq., and authorized to perform the services
33 under the rules.
34 (B) "Emergency medical services personnel" includes
35 without limitation:
36 (i) An emergency medical technician;

1 (ii) An advanced emergency medical technician;
2 (iii) A paramedic;
3 (iv) An emergency medical services instructor; and
4 (v) An emergency medical services instructor
5 trainer;

6 (6) "Firefighter" means a firefighter employed on a full-time or
7 volunteer status while actually engaged in the performance of his or her
8 duties;

9 (7) "Law enforcement officer" means a:

10 (A) Constable, including without limitation all elected
11 constables of any beat of any county within the state while actually engaged
12 in the performance of his or her duties concerning the criminal laws of the
13 county and state;

14 (B) Game warden, including without limitation all
15 appointed game wardens employed by the state on a full-time status while
16 actually engaged in his or her duties concerning the game laws of this state;

17 (C)(i) Municipal and a state-supported institution of
18 higher education police officer, including without limitation all law
19 enforcement officers of any municipality or state-supported institution of
20 higher education who are regular duty personnel on full-time status.

21 (ii) Municipal and a state-supported institution of
22 higher education police officer does not include auxiliary officers or those
23 serving on a temporary or part-time status;

24 (D)(i) Sheriff or deputy sheriff, including without
25 limitation all law enforcement officers on full-time status on a regular
26 basis serving the sheriff's department of any county.

27 (ii) Sheriff or deputy sheriff does not include a
28 deputy sheriff who is:

29 (a) Engaged in administrative or civil duty;
30 or

31 (b) Serving in a temporary capacity or part-
32 time status;

33 (E) State highway patrolman, including without limitation
34 any law enforcement officer, regardless of department or bureau, of the
35 Division of Arkansas State Police; and

36 (F) Any other person employed by the State of Arkansas or

1 a political subdivision of the State of Arkansas as an appointed law
2 enforcement officer who is responsible for the prevention and detection of
3 crime and the enforcement of the criminal, traffic, or highway laws of this
4 state;

5 (8) "Ordnance delivery" means the piloting of or flying in an
6 experimental or test aircraft while determining its fitness or ability to
7 perform its military function or mission;

8 (9)(A) "Prisoner of war", "person missing in action", "person
9 killed in action", and "person killed on ordnance delivery" mean a person
10 who:

11 (i) Was a legal resident of the State of Arkansas at
12 the time that person entered the service of the United States Armed Forces or
13 whose official residence is within the State of Arkansas; and

14 (ii) Who, while serving in the United States Armed
15 Forces, has been declared to be a prisoner of war, a person missing in
16 action, a person killed in action as established by the United States
17 Secretary of Defense after January 1, 1960, or a person killed on ordnance
18 delivery.

19 (B) "Prisoner of war", "person missing in action", "person
20 killed in action", and "person killed on ordnance delivery" apply whether or
21 not capture or death occurred during a declared war or as a result of hostile
22 action.

23 (C) A death as a result of injuries received while serving
24 in the United States Armed Forces or Arkansas National Guard is only covered
25 by this subdivision (a)(9) if the death occurred while on active duty or
26 state active duty;

27 (10) "State correction employee" means an employee of the
28 Division of Correction or the Arkansas Correctional School District who
29 becomes subject to injury through contact with an inmate or parolee of the
30 Division of Correction;

31 (11) "State forestry employee" means an employee of the Arkansas
32 Forestry Commission who is actively engaged in his or her duties of fighting
33 forest fires;

34 (12) "State highway employee" means an employee of the Arkansas
35 Department of Transportation who actively engages in highway maintenance,
36 construction, or traffic operations on the roadways and bridges of the state

1 highway system while the roadways and bridges are open for use by the
2 traveling public;

3 (13) "State parks employee" means an employee of the Department
4 of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism who is a commissioned law enforcement officer
5 or emergency response employee while actively engaged in the performance of
6 his or her duties;

7 (14) "Teacher" means a person employed by a public school
8 district for the purpose of providing direct instruction to students and
9 whose employment requires state certification; and

10 (15) "United States Armed Forces dependent" means a spouse, a
11 child born to or conceived by, an adopted child, a child under legal
12 guardianship, or a stepchild of a:

13 (A) Disabled veteran;

14 (B) Prisoner of war; or

15 (C) Person declared to be:

16 (i) Missing in action;

17 (ii) Killed in action; or

18 (iii) Killed on ordnance delivery.

19
20 6-82-2504. Rules.

21 The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to implement this
22 subchapter.

23
24 6-82-2505. Eligibility for Arkansas Heroes Scholarship.

25 (a) Eligibility for the Arkansas Heroes Scholarship requires one (1)
26 of the following:

27 (1) The student has been a legal Arkansas resident for at least
28 one (1) year before submitting a scholarship application;

29 (2) The student was born before the date of the death or
30 disability of the Arkansas hero; or

31 (3) The Arkansas hero or the spouse of the Arkansas hero was
32 pregnant with the student at the time of the death or disability of the
33 Arkansas hero.

34 (b) In order for an adopted child to be eligible to receive a
35 scholarship benefit:

36 (1) The adopted child is required to have been adopted before

1 the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas hero; or

2 (2) The adopted child's adoption process is required to have
3 begun before the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas hero.

4 (c) In order for a stepchild under nineteen (19) years of age to be
5 eligible to receive a scholarship benefit, the stepchild under nineteen (19)
6 years of age shall have:

7 (1) Been listed as a dependent on the federal and state income
8 tax returns of the Arkansas hero in each of the five (5) income years
9 immediately before the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas hero;
10 and

11 (2) Received more than one-half (1/2) of his or her financial
12 support from the Arkansas hero in each of the five (5) income years
13 immediately before the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas hero.

14 (d) In order for a stepchild who is nineteen (19) years of age or
15 older to be eligible to receive a scholarship benefit, the stepchild who is
16 nineteen (19) years or older shall have:

17 (1) Been listed as a dependent on the federal and state income
18 tax returns of the Arkansas hero in at least five (5) of the eight (8) income
19 years immediately before the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas
20 hero; and

21 (2) Received more than one-half (1/2) of his or her financial
22 support from the Arkansas hero in at least five (5) of the eight (8) income
23 years immediately before the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas
24 hero.

25 (e) If a covered public employee, as defined in § 21-5-701, or his or
26 her heirs did not file for the available death or disability benefit but were
27 otherwise eligible to receive the death or disability benefit within the time
28 frame provided in § 21-5-703, then the covered public employee's child or
29 children who would have otherwise been eligible to receive the provided
30 educational scholarship benefit under this section may individually file
31 before his or her twenty-first birthday a claim to receive the provided
32 educational scholarship benefit if:

33 (1) The student is considered a United States Armed Forces
34 dependent as provided in § 6-82-2503; or

35 (2) The student is a dependent of an Arkansas hero who suffered
36 fatal injuries or wounds or becomes disabled as a result of injuries or

1 wounds that occurred in the performance of a hazardous duty within the scope
2 of his or her employment or that occurred en route to or returning from a
3 location where a hazardous situation existed.

4 (f) Scholarship benefits may not accrue under this subchapter to a
5 person if the wound or injury suffered by an Arkansas hero is self-inflicted
6 or if the death of an Arkansas hero is self-inflicted.

7 (g) Unless subsection (e) of this section is applicable, the Arkansas
8 State Claims Commission shall award any scholarship benefit provided by this
9 subchapter at the same time that any death benefit or disability benefit is
10 awarded by the commission under the provisions of § 21-5-701 et seq.

11
12 6-82-2506. Eligibility restrictions.

13 (a) A child shall not be entitled to receive benefits under this
14 subchapter during any semester or quarter when the child has reached twenty-
15 six (26) years of age on or before the first day of the semester or quarter.

16 (b)(1) A spouse shall not be eligible to receive benefits under this
17 subchapter if he or she remarries.

18 (2) The benefits under this subchapter shall cease at the end of
19 the semester in which the spouse is currently enrolled at the time of the
20 marriage.

21
22 6-82-2507. Applications.

23 (a) An eligible student shall apply to the Division of Higher
24 Education for benefits under this subchapter.

25 (b) A United States Armed Forces dependent shall:

26 (1) Apply for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational
27 Assistance program, 38 U.S.C. § 3500 et seq., as it existed on January 1,
28 2025, with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

29 (2) Provide the division with proof of:

30 (A) Acceptance into the Survivors' and Dependents'
31 Educational Assistance program; or

32 (B) Noneligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents'
33 Educational Assistance program following application.

34 (c) Except as provided under subsection (d) of this section, a
35 dependent of an Arkansas hero, upon his or her being accepted for enrollment
36 into any private, nonprofit institution of higher education in the State of

1 Arkansas or a state-supported institution of higher education in the State of
2 Arkansas, may obtain his or her first bachelor's degree for so long as he or
3 she is eligible with state assistance for tuition, fees, or other charges as
4 provided under this subsection.

5 (d)(1) The state assistance under this subchapter is limited to the
6 tuition, fees, or other charges that exceed the amount of monetary benefits
7 the dependent is eligible to receive from the Survivors' and Dependents'
8 Educational Assistance program during the months included in each semester in
9 which the dependent is enrolled.

10 (2) If the dependent is not eligible for monetary benefits from
11 the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program but is eligible
12 for the benefits under this subchapter, the dependent may obtain a bachelor's
13 degree free of tuition, fees, or other charges from a private, nonprofit
14 institution of higher education in this state or a state-supported
15 institution of higher education in this state.

16 (3) However, the state assistance awarded to a dependent
17 attending a private, nonprofit institution of higher education in this state
18 shall not exceed the maximum amount of state assistance awarded to dependents
19 attending a state-supported institution of higher education in this state.

20 (e) Once a person qualifies as a dependent under this subchapter,
21 there shall be no situation such as the return of the parent or the reported
22 death of the parent that will remove the dependent from the provisions or
23 benefits of this subchapter.

24 (f) An eligible recipient shall receive a scholarship for one (1)
25 academic year, renewable for up to three (3) additional academic years if the
26 recipient meets continuing eligibility criteria established by the division.

27 (g) In compliance with the division's scholarship stacking policy, a
28 student's total financial aid package, which can include multiple
29 scholarships, shall not exceed the recognized cost of attendance at a state-
30 supported institution of higher education.

31 (h) In the event the number of students who qualify for a scholarship
32 under this subchapter during an academic year exceeds the amount of funds
33 appropriated to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account for purposes of
34 funding students who qualify for scholarship under this subchapter during the
35 given academic year, the excess awards that qualify for distribution under
36 this subchapter shall be funded with any net proceeds from the state lottery

1 remaining after the division allocates sufficient funding to award the
2 following scholarships at levels equivalent to the awards made in the
3 previous academic year:

4 (1) Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-201 et seq.;

5 and

6 (2) Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-301 et seq.

7
8 6-82-2508. Scholarship funding and continued eligibility.

9 (a) The state assistance under this subchapter is limited to the
10 tuition, fees, and other expenses required for the first bachelor's degree
11 earned by the dependent.

12 (b)(1) An eligible dependent shall be entitled to a total of eight (8)
13 semesters, or the equivalent thereof, of scholarship awards without cost,
14 exclusive of books, food, school supplies, materials, and dues or fees for
15 extracurricular activities, at any state-supported institution of higher
16 education or technical institute of his or her choice within this state.

17 (2) The eligible dependent may take up to four (4) semesters, or
18 the equivalent thereof, at a technical institute.

19 (c) To retain eligibility for a scholarship benefit under this
20 subchapter, a recipient shall:

21 (1) Maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0
22 scholastic grading scale; and

23 (2) Meet any other continuing eligibility criteria established
24 by the Division of Higher Education.

25 (d) If a recipient fails to meet eligibility criteria, he or she may
26 apply for state assistance under this subchapter a maximum of one (1)
27 additional time once eligibility is reestablished.

28
29 Subchapter 26 – Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program

30
31 6-82-2601. Title.

32 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Governor's
33 Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program".

34
35 6-82-2602. Definitions.

36 As used in this subchapter:

1 (1) "Eligible student" means an Arkansas student with a
2 disability admitted to a qualifying program at a state-supported institution
3 of higher education;

4 (2) "Inclusive Higher Education Accreditation Council" means the
5 independent, nonprofit accreditation agency for postsecondary programs for
6 students with an intellectual disability; and

7 (3) "Qualifying program" means a postsecondary education program
8 for a student with an intellectual disability that is accredited by the
9 Inclusive Higher Education Accreditation Council.

10
11 6-82-2603. Creation – Eligibility.

12 (a) There is established the Governor's Higher Education Transition
13 Scholarship Program within the Division of Higher Education.

14 (b) An eligible student who receives a Governor's Higher Education
15 Transition Scholarship shall maintain eligibility for up to eight (8)
16 continuous semesters or until credentialing is obtained, whichever occurs
17 first.

18
19 6-82-2604. Scholarship awards.

20 (a) Scholarship awards under this subchapter are contingent upon
21 availability of funds.

22 (b)(1) Scholarship awards shall not exceed the institutional cost of
23 attendance.

24 (2) The maximum award amount per qualifying semester that a
25 student may receive is two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

26 (3) A scholarship award may be applied to tuition, mandatory
27 fees, programmatic fees, room and board, supplies, and extended support
28 services.

29
30 6-82-2605. Rules.

31 The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to govern
32 administration of the Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship
33 Program, including without limitation application forms and deadlines.

34
35 SECTION 80. Arkansas Code § 6-85-207 is amended to read as follows:

36 6-85-207. Additional eligibility requirements for traditional students.

1 In addition to the basic eligibility requirements of § 6-85-206, an
2 applicant is eligible as a traditional student if the applicant either:

3 (1)(A) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school and has a
4 minimum superscore of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an
5 ACT equivalent; or

6 (B) Upon graduation from high school:

7 (i) Achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.0
8 during high school;

9 (ii) Completed at least one (1) college readiness
10 assessment; and

11 (iii)(a) Achieved a diploma of merit as defined in
12 rules promulgated by the State Board of Education.

13 (b) Proof of attainment of the diploma of
14 merit under subdivision (1)(B)(iii)(a) of this section shall be submitted
15 with the student's scholarship application; or

16 (2)(A) Has a disability identified under the Individuals with
17 Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., as it existed on July
18 1, 2009, ~~and~~ graduated from an Arkansas public high school, and ~~either~~ meets
19 the requirements defined in subdivision (1) of this section.

20 ~~(A) Had a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the~~
21 ~~ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent; or~~

22 ~~(B) Scored proficient or higher on all state-mandated end-~~
23 ~~of-course assessments, including without limitation end-of-course assessments~~
24 ~~on;~~

25 ~~(i) Algebra I;~~

26 ~~(ii) Geometry;~~

27 ~~(iii) Biology; and~~

28 ~~(iv) Literacy;~~

29 ~~(3) Achieved a minimum superscore of nineteen (19) on the ACT or~~
30 ~~the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent and;~~

31 (B) A student shall also meet one (1) of the following
32 eligibility requirements:

33 ~~(A) Graduated~~ (i) Graduate from a private high school, an
34 out-of-state high school, or a home school high school; ~~or~~

35 ~~(B)(ii)~~ (ii) In the year in which the student would have been a
36 junior or senior in high school, completed the requirements for high school

1 graduation and obtained a high school equivalency diploma approved by the
2 Adult Education Section instead of receiving a diploma; or

3 ~~(4)~~(iii) Meets one (1) of the following criteria:

4 ~~(A)~~(a) Was enrolled at an institution of higher education
5 in the immediately preceding academic year as a full-time, first-time
6 freshman;

7 ~~(B)~~(b) Did not receive a scholarship under this subchapter
8 as a full-time, first-time freshman;

9 ~~(C)~~(c) Successfully completed with the equivalent of a
10 minimum letter grade of "D" at least twenty-seven (27) semester hours of
11 courses as a full-time, first-time freshman; ~~and or~~

12 ~~(D)~~(d) Achieved a postsecondary grade point average of at
13 least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale as a full-time, first-time freshman.
14

15 SECTION 81. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(d)(1)(A), concerning scholarship
16 award amounts under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (d)(1)(A) Subject to the availability of net revenue, the scholarship
19 award amount under this subchapter for an academic year for a full-time
20 recipient enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher education
21 is:

22 (i) ~~One~~ Two thousand dollars ~~(\$1,000)~~ (\$2,000) for a
23 recipient who has earned less than twenty-seven (27) semester credit hours;

24 (ii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a recipient
25 who has earned at least twenty-seven (27) semester credit hours but less than
26 fifty-seven (57) semester credit hours;

27 (iii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a recipient
28 who has earned at least fifty-seven (57) semester credit hours but less than
29 eighty-seven (87) semester credit hours; and

30 (iv)(a) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a
31 recipient who has earned at least eighty-seven (87) semester credit hours but
32 no more than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours unless the
33 recipient is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program that requires more
34 than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours, but not more than one
35 hundred thirty (130) semester credit hours, as provided under § 6-61-232,
36 then up to the number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate

1 program.

2 (b) A recipient shall receive no more than one
3 (1) year of the scholarship provided under subdivision (d)(1)(A)(iv)(a) of
4 this section unless the recipient is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree
5 program that requires more than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit
6 hours as provided under § 6-61-232.

7 (c)(1) A recipient who is eligible to receive
8 the scholarship under subdivision (d)(1)(A)(iv)(a) of this section may
9 receive the scholarship while enrolled in a semester as a part-time student.

10 (2) The scholarship amount for the
11 semester in which a recipient is enrolled as a part-time student under
12 subdivision (d)(1)(A)(iv)(c)(1) of this section ~~shall~~ may be prorated by the
13 number of credit hours in which the recipient is enrolled.

14
15 *SECTION 82. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(d)(1)(C), concerning the*
16 *authorization for an applicant to elect for earned semester credit hours to*
17 *be only those earned after graduating from high school or obtaining a high*
18 *school equivalency diploma, is repealed.*

19 ~~(G)(i) An applicant may elect for the earned semester~~
20 ~~credit hours under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section to be only those~~
21 ~~semester credit hours earned after graduating from high school or obtaining a~~
22 ~~high school equivalency diploma approved by the Adult Education Section.~~

23 ~~(ii) If an applicant makes the election under~~
24 ~~subdivision (d)(1)(G)(i) of this section, any semester credit hours earned~~
25 ~~through concurrent credit or any other method before graduating high school~~
26 ~~or obtaining a high school equivalency diploma approved by the Adult~~
27 ~~Education Section shall not be counted as earned semester credit hours for~~
28 ~~the purposes of determining a recipient's scholarship award amount under~~
29 ~~subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section.~~

30
31 *SECTION 83. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(d)(3), concerning scholarship*
32 *award amounts for certain institutions of higher education under the Arkansas*
33 *Challenge Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:*

34 (3) Subject to the availability of net revenue, the scholarship
35 award for an academic year for a full-time student enrolled in one (1) of the
36 following institutions of higher education is ~~one~~ two thousand dollars

1 ~~(\$1,000)~~ (\$2,000) for the first year and three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for
2 the second year:

3 (A) A two-year approved institution of higher education;

4 (B) A branch campus of a four-year approved institution of
5 higher education; or

6 (C) An approved school of nursing.

7
8 SECTION 84. Arkansas Code § 6-85-302 is amended to read as follows:

9 6-85-302. Definitions.

10 As used in this subchapter:

11 (1) "Academic year" means a measure of the academic work to be
12 accomplished by a student through the fall, spring, and summer semesters, or
13 the equivalent of the fall, spring, and summer semesters, in that order;

14 (2) "Approved institution of higher education" means an
15 institution of higher education approved by the Division of Higher Education
16 to participate in the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program ~~and~~
17 that is:

18 (A) A state-supported two-year or four-year ~~college or~~
19 ~~university~~ institution of higher education; or

20 (B) A private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or
21 university with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible
22 to receive Title IV federal student aid funds; or

23 (C) A public or private vocational-technical school that
24 is:

25 (i) Included on the Workforce Innovation and
26 Opportunity Act eligible training provider list;

27 (ii) Qualified to receive approval for veterans'
28 education benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

29 (iii) Included on the State Board of Private Career
30 Education list; and

31 ~~(2)(A)(3)(A)~~ "Certificate program" means a program that is
32 offered or made available to a student by an approved institution of higher
33 education that leads to the obtainment of a certification or license,
34 including without limitation a program operated or sponsored by a third
35 party.

36 (B) "Certificate program" is determined by the division

1 and includes without limitation the following:

2 (i) Advanced manufacturing;

3 (ii) Health care;

4 (iii) Information technology;

5 (iv) Construction trades; or

6 (v) Logistics and distribution.

7 (C) The credit hours or contact hours awarded for a
8 certificate program may include credit hours or contact hours that are not
9 creditable toward an associate or a baccalaureate degree.

10
11 SECTION 85. Arkansas Code § 6-85-304(a), concerning student
12 eligibility under the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (a) A student is eligible to receive an Arkansas Workforce Challenge
15 Scholarship for an academic year if the student applies to ~~the Division of~~
16 ~~Higher Education~~ an approved institution of higher education by a date
17 determined by the Division of Higher Education preceding the academic year
18 and:

19 (1) Is ~~an~~ a legal Arkansas resident or, if the student is less
20 than twenty-one (21) years of age, either the student or one (1) parent of
21 the student is ~~an~~ a legal Arkansas resident;

22 (2) Meets either of the following requirements:

23 (A) Graduated from a:

24 (i) Public high school in Arkansas or another state;

25 (ii) Private high school in Arkansas or another

26 state; or

27 (iii) Home school under § 6-15-501 et seq. or
28 recognized by another state; or

29 (B) Received a high school equivalency diploma approved by
30 the Adult Education Section or another state;

31 (3) Is not receiving a scholarship under the Arkansas Academic
32 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq.; and

33 (4) Is accepted for admission in a program of study at an
34 approved institution of higher education that leads to an associate degree or
35 a certificate program in one (1) of the ~~following~~ high-demand fields+
36 described in § 6-85-302.

1 ~~(A) — Industry;~~
2 ~~(B) — Health care; and~~
3 ~~(C) — Information technology; and~~
4 ~~(5)(A) — Whose program of study or certificate program will result~~
5 ~~in the student's being qualified to work in an occupation identified by the~~
6 ~~Division of Workforce Services under subdivision (a)(5)(B)(i) of this~~
7 ~~section.~~

8 ~~(B)(i) — The Division of Workforce Services shall provide~~
9 ~~annually to the Division of Higher Education by March 1 a list that~~
10 ~~identifies the five (5) most in-demand occupations in this state in each~~
11 ~~high-demand field under subdivision (a)(4) of this section that require the~~
12 ~~completion of a program of study that leads to an associate degree or a~~
13 ~~certificate program.~~

14 ~~(ii) The Division of Workforce Services shall publish~~
15 ~~on its website the list under subdivision (a)(5)(B)(i) of this section and~~
16 ~~data supporting the list.~~

17
18 SECTION 86. Arkansas Code § 6-85-305 is amended to read as follows:

19 6-85-305. Distribution — Award amounts.

20 ~~(a)(1) If funds are available, the Division of Higher Education shall~~
21 ~~distribute Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarships to all students who meet~~
22 ~~the requirements under § 6-85-304 6-85-302(2).~~

23 ~~(2) Up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be allocated~~
24 ~~for students eligible under § 6-85-302(2)(C).~~

25 ~~(b)(1) The division shall distribute scholarships from the funds~~
26 ~~available in an equal amount to every student eligible to receive a~~
27 ~~scholarship under this subchapter.~~

28 ~~(2) — Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the~~
29 ~~The maximum scholarship award a student may receive in an academic year shall~~
30 ~~be the lesser of: program costs or three thousand dollars (\$3,000).~~

31 ~~(A) — Eight hundred dollars (\$800); or~~

32 ~~(B)(i) — The cost of the certificate program or program of~~
33 ~~study.~~

34 ~~(ii) The cost of a certificate program or program of~~
35 ~~study shall include:~~

36 ~~(a) — Tuition, fees, or other charges;~~

~~(b) Textbooks or other course materials; and~~

~~(c) Equipment needed for a course.~~

~~(3)(2)~~ The scholarship awards may be used for expenses included in the cost of the certificate program or program of study.

~~(4)(3)~~ A scholarship under this section shall be only for the academic year for which it is awarded.

(4)(A) The division shall collaborate with the Office of Skills Development to establish the criteria to be used to determine the eligibility of students under § 6-85-302(1)(C), which shall be included in rules promulgated by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(B) The office shall:

(i) Use the criteria established under subdivision (b)(4)(A) of this section to determine the eligibility of students under § 6-85-302(1)(C); and

(ii) Provide the necessary information regarding eligible students to the division to enable the division to distribute scholarship awards on behalf of an eligible student directly to the approved institution of higher education.

~~(c)(1) If the division has funds remaining after making the distributions under subsection (b) of this section, the division shall distribute scholarships to students for the summer term of the academic year.~~

~~(2) If funds are available under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, a student shall apply for a scholarship for a summer term by a date determined by the division preceding the summer term.~~

~~(3)(A) The division shall distribute scholarships for a summer term in the same manner as under subsection (b) of this section.~~

~~(B) Scholarships for a summer term may be used in the same manner as under subsection (b) of this section.~~

~~(4) A student who received a scholarship under subsection (b) of this section may also receive a scholarship for a summer term.~~

~~(d)(c)~~ The division shall disburse all scholarship awards on behalf of an eligible student directly to the approved institution of higher education.

SECTION 87. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 85, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-85-308. Reporting requirements.

1 (a) An approved institution of higher education accepting funds under
2 this subchapter shall submit an annual report to the Division of Higher
3 Education that includes without limitation the following:

4 (1) Individual student program completer information as defined
5 by the division; and

6 (2) Student information required to be provided to the division
7 under § 6-85-216.

8 (b) An approved institution of higher education accepting funds under
9 this subchapter shall submit an annual report to the Office of Skills
10 Development that includes without limitation the following:

11 (1) Individual student program completer information as defined
12 by the division; and

13 (2) Student information required to be provided to the division
14 under § 6-85-216.

15
16 SECTION 88. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 85, Subchapter 4 is
17 repealed.

18 ~~Subchapter 4 — Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program~~

19
20 ~~6-85-401. Creation.~~

21 ~~There is created the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program.~~

22
23 ~~6-85-402. Definitions.~~

24 ~~As used in this subchapter:~~

25 ~~(1) “Approved institution of higher education” means an~~
26 ~~institution of higher education that:~~

27 ~~(A) Is approved by the Division of Higher Education to~~
28 ~~participate in the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program;~~

29 ~~(B) Offers at least a fifty percent discount on the~~
30 ~~tuition and mandatory fees of an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or~~
31 ~~certificate program to a student who is enrolled in an endorsed concurrent~~
32 ~~enrollment course or certificate program, unless other opportunities are~~
33 ~~provided that lower the tuition and mandatory fees below fifty percent (50%);~~
34 ~~and~~

35 ~~(C) Is a:~~

36 ~~(i) State-supported two-year or four-year college or~~

1 ~~university; or~~

2 ~~(ii) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college~~
3 ~~or university that has its primary headquarters located in Arkansas and that~~
4 ~~is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds;~~

5 ~~(2)(A) "Certificate program" means a program that is offered or~~
6 ~~made available to a student by an approved institution of higher education~~
7 ~~that leads to the obtainment of a certification or license.~~

8 ~~(B) "Certificate program" does not include a program that~~
9 ~~is operated or sponsored by a third party;~~

10 ~~(3)(A) "Endorsed concurrent enrollment course" means the same as~~
11 ~~defined in § 6-16-1202.~~

12 ~~(B) "Endorsed concurrent enrollment course" does not~~
13 ~~include a program that is operated or sponsored by a third party; and~~

14 ~~(4) "Student" means a person in grade ten (10), grade eleven~~
15 ~~(11), or grade twelve (12) who is enrolled at a:~~

16 ~~(A) Public high school in Arkansas;~~

17 ~~(B) Private high school in Arkansas; or~~

18 ~~(C) Home school, as defined in § 6-15-501.~~

19
20 ~~6-85-403. Eligibility.~~

21 ~~(a) A student is eligible to receive an Arkansas Concurrent Challenge~~
22 ~~Scholarship under this subchapter for an academic semester or academic year~~
23 ~~during which the student is enrolled in an endorsed concurrent enrollment~~
24 ~~course or certificate program if the student:~~

25 ~~(1) Is an Arkansas resident or, if the student is less than~~
26 ~~twenty-one (21) years of age, either the student or one (1) parent of the~~
27 ~~student is an Arkansas resident; and~~

28 ~~(2)(A) Submits a student success plan as described under § 6-15-~~
29 ~~2911(b).~~

30 ~~(B) The student success plan required under subdivision~~
31 ~~(a)(2)(A) of this section for a student who is enrolled in an endorsed~~
32 ~~concurrent enrollment course or certificate program shall:~~

33 ~~(i) Be prepared in consultation with:~~

34 ~~(a) School personnel, the student, and the~~
35 ~~student's parent or legal guardian; or~~

36 ~~(b) A college advisor; and~~

1 ~~(ii) Include:~~

2 ~~(a) An endorsed concurrent enrollment course~~
3 ~~or certificate program that is relevant to the student's success plan; and~~

4 ~~(b) Measures that ensure the successful~~
5 ~~completion of the endorsed concurrent enrollment course or certificate~~
6 ~~program in which the student is enrolled.~~

7 ~~(b)(1) A student successfully completes an endorsed concurrent~~
8 ~~enrollment course or a course taken towards the completion of a certificate~~
9 ~~program under this subchapter if he or she completes the course or program~~
10 ~~and receives a minimum grade point average of 2.5.~~

11 ~~(2)(A) A student who fails to successfully complete an endorsed~~
12 ~~concurrent enrollment course or a course taken towards the completion of a~~
13 ~~certificate program under this subchapter shall:~~

14 ~~(i) Retain eligibility for a scholarship under this~~
15 ~~subchapter; and~~

16 ~~(ii) Enroll in no more than one (1) endorsed~~
17 ~~concurrent enrollment course or course required for the completion of a~~
18 ~~certificate program for the first semester following the semester in which~~
19 ~~the student failed to successfully complete an endorsed concurrent enrollment~~
20 ~~course or course taken towards the completion of a certificate program.~~

21 ~~(B) However, if a student fails an endorsed concurrent~~
22 ~~enrollment course or a course taken towards the completion of a certificate~~
23 ~~program under this subchapter a second time, the student shall be ineligible~~
24 ~~to reapply for a scholarship under this subchapter.~~

25 ~~(c) A student whose enrollment in a vocational center is reimbursable~~
26 ~~under § 6-51-305 is not eligible for a scholarship under this subchapter.~~

27
28 ~~6-85-404. Funding.~~

29 ~~(a) For an academic year, Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarships~~
30 ~~under this subchapter shall be funded with any funds remaining after the~~
31 ~~Division of Higher Education allocates sufficient funding to award Arkansas~~
32 ~~Workforce Challenge Scholarships under § 6-85-301 et seq., at a level~~
33 ~~equivalent to the awards made in the previous academic year.~~

34 ~~(b)(1) A scholarship under this subchapter shall not be awarded for an~~
35 ~~academic year if:~~

36 ~~(A) Less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars~~

~~(\$250,000) is available under subsection (a) of this section; or~~

~~(B) The division received a loan from the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account under § 23-115-802 for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., for the previous academic year.~~

~~(2) Any funds under subsection (a) of this section that are not disbursed for scholarships under this subchapter shall be carried over to the next academic year to be used for scholarships under this subchapter.~~

~~6-85-405. Distribution—Award amounts.~~

~~(a) If funds are available, the Division of Higher Education shall award Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarships to all students who meet the requirements under this subchapter.~~

~~(b)(1) The division shall distribute scholarships from the funds available in an equal amount to every approved institution of higher education that has enrolled a student eligible to receive a scholarship under this subchapter.~~

~~(2) The maximum scholarship award a student may receive in an academic year shall be the lesser of:~~

~~(A)(i) Five hundred dollars (\$500).~~

~~(ii) A scholarship awarded to a student who is eligible under § 6-85-403 shall be awarded in the amount of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) for each endorsed concurrent enrollment credit course or certificate program in which the eligible student is enrolled, up to two (2) endorsed concurrent enrollment credit courses or certificate programs per semester; or~~

~~(B) The tuition and mandatory fees of the endorsed concurrent credit course or certificate program.~~

~~(3) A scholarship granted under this section may be awarded in addition to any funds received for the enrollment in an endorsed concurrent enrollment course under § 6-16-1204(e)(3).~~

~~(4) Unless a student's high school or community-based program provides financial assistance for the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or certificate program, the remaining cost of tuition and mandatory fees for an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or certificate program is the responsibility of the~~

1 ~~eligible student who is enrolled in the endorsed concurrent enrollment course~~
2 ~~or certificate program.~~

3
4 ~~6-85-406. Rules.~~

5 ~~The Division of Higher Education shall promulgate rules to implement~~
6 ~~this subchapter.~~

7
8 SECTION 89. Arkansas Code § 6-85-502(b)(5), concerning the amount of
9 net proceeds to fund scholarships under the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge
10 Scholarship Program used for the lottery fiscal impact statement, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 (5) The amount of net proceeds that was necessary to fund scholarships
13 under the ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~
14 ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., during each
15 of the last four (4) years immediately preceding the year in which the
16 proposed bill is being considered, listed separately;

17
18 SECTION 90. Arkansas Code § 6-85-502(b)(7)(C), concerning the
19 comparison of the year with the highest amount of net proceeds necessary to
20 fund scholarships under the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship
21 Program, is amended to read as follows:

22 (C) The year with the highest amount of net proceeds
23 necessary to fund scholarships under the ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge~~
24 ~~Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, §
25 6-85-701 et seq., as determined under subdivision (b)(5) of this section; and

26
27 SECTION 91. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 85, is amended to add an
28 additional subchapter to read as follows:

29 Subchapter – 7 ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program

30
31 6-85-701 Creation.

32 There is created the ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program.

33
34 6-85-702. Definitions.

35 As used in this subchapter:

36 (1) "Approved institution of higher education" means an

1 institution of higher education that:

2 (A) Is approved by the Division of Higher Education to
3 participate in the ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program; and

4 (B) Is a:

5 (i) State-supported two-year or four-year
6 institution of higher education; or

7 (ii) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year
8 institution of higher education that has its primary headquarters located in
9 Arkansas and is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds;

10 (2)(A) "Certificate program" means a program that is offered or
11 made available to a student by an approved institution of higher education
12 that leads to the obtainment of a certification or license.

13 (B) "Certificate program" does not include a program that
14 is operated or sponsored by a third party;

15 (3)(A) "Concurrent credit course" means a course as defined in §
16 6-16-1202.

17 (B) "Concurrent credit course" does not include a program
18 that is operated or sponsored by a third party; and

19 (4) "Eligible student" means a student enrolled in grade ten
20 (10), grade eleven (11), or grade twelve (12) at a public high school in
21 Arkansas.

22
23 6-85-703. Eligibility.

24 (a) A student is eligible to be awarded a scholarship under this
25 subchapter for an academic semester or academic year during which the student
26 is enrolled in a concurrent credit course if the student is eligible to
27 enroll in the concurrent credit course under § 6-16-1204(a)(5).

28 (b) Scholarship funds shall not be used for courses at a vocational
29 center that are reimbursable under § 6-51-305.

30 (c) A student is not eligible for a scholarship under this subchapter
31 if the student is enrolled in a concurrent credit course that may be funded
32 under § 6-18-2506.

33
34 6-85-704. Funding.

35 (a) For an academic year, the following shall be used to fund
36 scholarships under this subchapter:

1 (1) Excess funding returned to the Office of the Arkansas
2 Lottery under § 6-85-212(d)(2)(B)(i) from the previous academic year; and

3 (2) Net proceeds remaining from the previous academic year after
4 the office transfers the funds requested by the Division of Higher Education
5 under § 23-115-801(c)(2).

6 (b)(1) A scholarship under this subchapter shall not be awarded for an
7 academic year if:

8 (A) Less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars
9 (\$250,000) is available under subsection (a) of this section; or

10 (B) The division received a loan from the Scholarship
11 Shortfall Reserve Trust Account under § 23-115-802 for the Arkansas Academic
12 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., for the previous academic
13 year.

14 (2) Any funds under subsection (a) of this section that are not
15 disbursed for scholarships under this subchapter shall be carried over to the
16 next academic year to be used for scholarships under this subchapter.

17
18 6-85-705. Distribution – Award Amounts.

19 (a) If funds are available, the Division of Higher Education shall
20 award an ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship to all eligible students who meet
21 the requirements under this subchapter.

22 (b)(1) The division shall distribute scholarships from the funds
23 available in an equal amount to every approved institution of higher
24 education that has enrolled a student eligible to receive a scholarship under
25 this subchapter.

26 (2) A scholarship awarded to a student who is eligible under §
27 6-85-703 shall be awarded in the amount of sixty-five dollars (\$65) per
28 concurrent credit course hour in which the eligible student is enrolled, for
29 a maximum of fifteen (15) concurrent credit course hours per semester.

30 (3) The maximum scholarship amount a student may be awarded in
31 an academic year, including summer semesters, shall not exceed two thousand
32 dollars (\$2,000).

33 (c)(1) A state-supported two-year or four-year institution of higher
34 education may offer a reduced tuition rate for concurrent credit courses
35 offered by the state-supported institution of higher education to eligible
36 students under this subchapter.

1 (2) The reduction in tuition under subdivision (c)(1) of this
2 section shall not be considered an institutional scholarship.

3
4 6-85-706. Rules.

5 The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to implement this
6 subchapter.

7
8 SECTION 92 Arkansas Code § 20-7-133(b)(2), concerning members
9 appointed by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to the
10 Child Health Advisory Committee, is amended to read as follows:

11 (2) The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education shall
12 appoint:

13 (A) One (1) member to represent the Division of Elementary
14 and Secondary Education;

15 (B) One (1) member to represent the ~~Arkansas School~~
16 ~~Nutrition Association~~ Child Nutrition Unit;

17 (C) One (1) ~~member to represent the Arkansas School Nurses~~
18 ~~Association~~ public school nurse;

19 (D) One (1) ~~member to represent the Arkansas Association~~
20 ~~of Educational Administrators~~ public school administrator;

21 (E) One (1) member ~~to represent the Arkansas PTA~~ of a
22 public school district parent-teacher association;

23 (F) One (1) member ~~to represent the Arkansas School Boards~~
24 ~~Association~~ of a public school district board of directors;

25 (G) One (1) ~~member to represent the Arkansas Association~~
26 ~~of School Business Officials~~ public school district finance employee; and

27 (H) One (1) ~~member to represent the Arkansas Association~~
28 ~~for Supervision and Curriculum Development~~ Two (2) public school licensed
29 educators; and

30 (I) ~~One (1) member who is a classroom teacher.~~

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32 SECTION 93. Arkansas Code § 21-5-703(c), concerning the award of
33 scholarship benefits by the Arkansas State Claims Commission during the claims
34 process for death benefits of public employees, is amended to read as
35 follows:

36 (c) Unless ~~§ 6-82-504(e)~~ § 6-82-2505(e) is applicable, the commission

1 shall award any scholarship benefit provided by the provisions of ~~§ 6-82-501~~
2 ~~et seq., the Arkansas Heroes Scholarship Act, § 6-82-2501 et seq.,~~ at the same
3 time any death benefit or total and permanent disability benefit is awarded
4 under this subchapter.

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6 SECTION 94. Arkansas Code § 21-5-705(a)(3)(B)(i), concerning the
7 maximum death benefit paid to a designated beneficiary or survivor of certain
8 public employees killed in the line of duty, is amended to read as follows:

9 (i) A maximum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars
10 (\$150,000) per individual death, including educational benefits provided in §
11 ~~6-82-501 et seq., the Arkansas Heroes Scholarship Act, § 6-82-2501 et seq.;~~
12 and
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14 SECTION 95. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 23-115-
15 801(b)(1)(B)(i), concerning the establishment of the Lottery Scholarship
16 Trust Account by the Office of the Arkansas Lottery, is amended to read as
17 follows:

18 (B)(i) The office shall establish the Lottery Scholarship
19 Trust Account as required under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section to fund
20 the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., the
21 Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq.,~~the~~
22 ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to
23 Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., and
24 any other scholarship funded with net proceeds from the state lottery in a
25 financial institution into which the office shall transfer:
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27 SECTION 96. Arkansas Code § 23-115-801(b)(1)(B)(ii) and (iii),
28 concerning funding of the Lottery Scholarship Trust Account by the Office of
29 the Arkansas Lottery, are amended to read as follows:

30 (ii) The funds transferred by the office into the
31 Lottery Scholarship Trust Account for the Arkansas Academic Challenge
32 Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., the Arkansas Workforce Challenge
33 Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq., ~~the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge~~
34 ~~Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, §
35 6-85-701 et seq., and any other scholarship funded with net proceeds from the
36 state lottery as established under subdivision (b)(1)(B)(i) of this section

shall be used for:

- (a) Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarships;
- (b) Any management fees charged by the financial institution to manage the trust account for scholarship award supplements;
- (c) ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarships~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarships;
- (d) Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships;
- and
- (e) Any other scholarship funded with net proceeds from the state lottery.

(iii) Annually, the office shall transfer to the division the funds from the previous academic year, if any, that were transferred by the office into the Lottery Scholarship Trust Account established under subdivision (b)(1)(B)(i) of this section for distribution of Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships, Arkansas Workforce Challenge ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarships, ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarships~~, and any other scholarship funded with net proceeds from the state lottery.

SECTION 97. Arkansas Code § 23-115-801(c)(1)(C), concerning the scholarship programs that the Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education is required to certify funding for, is amended to read as follows:.

(C) ~~The Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401 et seq.,~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et seq.; and

SECTION 98. Arkansas Code § 23-115-801(c)(2)(D)(ii)(a), concerning the distribution to recipients if funds remain after award of all scholarships under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Program, is amended to read as follows:

(ii)(a) If available funds remain after the award of all scholarships under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., then the available funds shall be distributed to recipients of scholarships under the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq., ~~and the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., on a

1 pro rata basis as determined by the division.

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3 SECTION 99. Arkansas Code § 23-115-802(c)(2) and (3), concerning the
4 process of using the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account if net
5 proceeds are insufficient to meet scholarship funding, are amended to read as
6 follows:

7 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(3)(B) of this section,
8 the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account shall not be drawn upon to
9 fund Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarships under the Arkansas Workforce
10 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq., ~~Arkansas Concurrent~~
11 ~~Challenge Scholarships under the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship~~
12 ~~Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et
13 seq., or any other scholarship funded with net proceeds from the state
14 lottery.

15 (3)(A) Determining the maximum amount of loans from the
16 Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account to the Arkansas Academic
17 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., the Arkansas Workforce
18 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq., ~~or the Arkansas Concurrent~~
19 ~~Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship
20 Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This
21 is usually accomplished by the General Assembly's delineating such funding
22 allocations for the various scholarship programs, with the approval of the
23 Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council and through
24 oversight as required by law by the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee of the
25 Legislative Council. Further, the General Assembly determines that the
26 Division of Higher Education may operate more efficiently with some
27 flexibility, therefore it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
28 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative
29 Council or the Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section.

30 (B) If the division determines it is necessary to borrow
31 from the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account to fund scholarships
32 under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et
33 seq., the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et
34 seq., ~~or the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401 et~~
35 ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., the division
36 shall first obtain review and approval from the Legislative Council or, if

1 the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.

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3 SECTION 100. DO NOT CODIFY. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of
4 this act or the application of this act to any person or circumstance is held
5 invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of
6 this act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or
7 application, and to this end, the provisions of this act are declared
8 severable.

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10 /s/J. Dismang

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HOUSE BILL 1512

By: Representatives M. Shepherd, *Evans, Beaty Jr., Brooks, Eubanks, Wardlaw, Barker, K. Brown, M. Brown, John Carr, Cavanaugh, Crawford, Gramlich, Hawk, McAlindon, McClure, S. Meeks, Nazarenko, Rose, Torres, Wing, Achor, Beck, Eaves, Unger, Andrews*
By: Senator J. Dismang

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ACCESS ACT; TO AMEND
VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE AS THEY
RELATE TO EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ACCESS ACT; AND
TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE
ARKANSAS CODE AS THEY RELATE TO
EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas ACCESS Act".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-1-404(a), concerning the membership of
the School Leadership Coordinating Council, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The School Leadership Coordinating Council consists of ~~seventeen~~
~~(17)~~ the following members ~~as follows~~:

~~(1) The Chair of the Arkansas Association of Colleges for
Teacher Education Council of Deans;~~

~~(2)~~ The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education;

~~(3) The Director of the Arkansas Leadership Academy;~~

~~(4)~~ (2) The Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education;



1 ~~(5)~~(3) The Director of the Division of Career and Technical
2 Education;

3 ~~(6) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of~~
4 ~~Educational Administrators;~~

5 ~~(7) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Education~~
6 ~~Association;~~

7 ~~(8) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School Boards~~
8 ~~Association;~~

9 ~~(9) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association for~~
10 ~~Supervision and Curriculum Development;~~

11 ~~(10) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Rural Ed~~
12 ~~Association;~~

13 ~~(11) A representative from the Arkansas Professors of~~
14 ~~Educational Administration;~~

15 ~~(12) A representative from the Arkansas Center for Executive~~
16 ~~Leadership;~~

17 ~~(13) A representative from an education service cooperative;~~

18 ~~(14) A representative from the Arkansas Public School Resource~~
19 ~~Center, Inc.;~~

20 ~~(15) A representative from the Arkansas State Teachers~~
21 ~~Association;~~

22 ~~(16)~~(4) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Education or the
23 chair's designee; and

24 ~~(17)~~(5) The Chair of the House Committee on Education or the
25 chair's designee; and

26 (6) Other stakeholders as deemed necessary by the members
27 designated under subdivisions (a)(1)-(5) of this section.

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29 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-1-404(d), concerning meetings of the
30 School Leadership Coordinating Council, is amended to read as follows:

31 (d)(1) The council shall meet at the times and places that the Chair
32 of the School Leadership Coordinating Council deems necessary but no less
33 than four (4) times per year.

34 (2) ~~Seven~~ ~~(7)~~ A majority of the members of the council shall
35 constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

36 (3) All actions of the council are by quorum.

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2 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 5, Subchapter 11 is
3 repealed.

4 ~~Subchapter 11—Council on Postsecondary Education and Career Readiness~~

5 ~~6-5-1101. Legislative intent.~~

6 ~~The General Assembly finds that:~~

7 ~~(1) Public schools should help all students:~~

8 ~~(A) Have the reading, writing, and mathematics skills~~
9 ~~needed to succeed in all first-year coursework in associate and baccalaureate~~
10 ~~degree programs in non-mathematics-based majors; and~~

11 ~~(B) Be ready for as many career options as possible by~~
12 ~~having a base level of employability; and~~

13 ~~(2) The development of college and career readiness standards~~
14 ~~should be undertaken as an integrative process among:~~

15 ~~(A) The General Assembly;~~

16 ~~(B) State agencies that regulate and support the public~~
17 ~~educational systems of the state;~~

18 ~~(C) Kindergarten, elementary, secondary, and postsecondary~~
19 ~~educational institutions; and~~

20 ~~(D) The public.~~

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22 ~~6-5-1102. Council on Postsecondary Education and Career Readiness~~
23 ~~established—Membership—Meetings.~~

24 ~~(a) This subchapter establishes the Council on Postsecondary Education~~
25 ~~and Career Readiness to facilitate the collaboration of kindergarten,~~
26 ~~elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educational institutions in Arkansas~~
27 ~~in developing college and career readiness standards that align school~~
28 ~~curriculum and graduation standards with postsecondary education requirements~~
29 ~~and business community expectations for employability.~~

30 ~~(b) The council shall consist of eleven (11) members as follows:~~

31 ~~(1) The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education or~~
32 ~~his or her designee;~~

33 ~~(2) The Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education or his~~
34 ~~or her designee;~~

35 ~~(3) The Director of the Division of Career and Technical~~
36 ~~Education or his or her designee;~~

1 ~~(4) The Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~
2 ~~or his or her designee;~~

3 ~~(5) The Director of the Division of Workforce Services or his or~~
4 ~~her designee;~~

5 ~~(6) A president or chancellor of an Arkansas four-year~~
6 ~~institution of higher education or his or her designee, appointed annually by~~
7 ~~the Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education;~~

8 ~~(7) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of~~
9 ~~Educational Administrators or his or her designee;~~

10 ~~(8) The Executive Director of Arkansas Community Colleges or his~~
11 ~~or her designee;~~

12 ~~(9) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Education Association~~
13 ~~or his or her designee;~~

14 ~~(10) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School Boards~~
15 ~~Association or his or her designee; and~~

16 ~~(11) The President of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and~~
17 ~~the Associated Industries of Arkansas or his or her designee.~~

18 ~~(c)(1) The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education or his~~
19 ~~or her designee shall call the first meeting of the council and serve as~~
20 ~~chair for the first meeting.~~

21 ~~(2) The first meeting shall occur within thirty (30) days of the~~
22 ~~effective date of this subchapter.~~

23 ~~(d) At the first meeting of the council and annually thereafter, the~~
24 ~~voting members of the council shall elect one (1) member to serve as chair~~
25 ~~for one (1) year.~~

26 ~~(e)(1) All members are voting members except the chair, who may vote~~
27 ~~only to break a tie vote.~~

28 ~~(2) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the~~
29 ~~transaction of business.~~

30 ~~(f) The council shall meet at least three (3) times in a calendar~~
31 ~~year.~~

32 ~~(g) The Department of Education shall provide meeting space and staff~~
33 ~~for the council.~~

34 ~~(h) Council members shall serve without pay and shall not receive~~
35 ~~expense reimbursement except from the agency or institution employing the~~
36 ~~member.~~

~~6-5-1103. Powers and duties.~~

~~(a) The Council on Postsecondary Education and Career Readiness shall:~~

~~(1) Develop a unified strategy to:~~

~~(A) Reduce remediation rates among high school graduates entering postsecondary education by at least fifty percent (50%) by the year 2020; and~~

~~(B) Increase postsecondary graduation and completion rates;~~

~~(2)(A) Support college and career readiness standards that:~~

~~(i) Require higher performance levels than those currently required for high school graduation; and~~

~~(ii) Promote accelerated learning opportunities, including without limitation Advanced Placement courses, concurrent credit opportunities, and other accelerated opportunities with college or vocational-technical school assistance to ensure that all students have the skills to be successful in either employment or postsecondary education.~~

~~(B) College and career readiness standards shall be implemented with the understanding that until July 1, 2022, interim high school graduation standards may be used until the high school graduation standards adopted by the State Board of Education are equal to the college and career readiness standards;~~

~~(3) Develop a successful transition to work matrix that schools and students may use to help students develop employment skills;~~

~~(4) Develop guidelines for secondary school intervention programs and transitional courses;~~

~~(5) Develop guidelines for professional development for teachers of transitional courses and opportunities for collaboration among high school, vocational-technical school, and college faculty to ensure that transitional courses target gaps in students' college and career readiness skills; and~~

~~(6) Provide the reports required under this subchapter.~~

~~(b)(1) The council shall establish working groups of its members, or staff of the agencies or institutions employing the members, to direct the planning process and strategic implementation of its plans.~~

~~(2) The working groups shall:~~

1 ~~(A) Develop goals and action plans;~~
2 ~~(B) Identify resources; and~~
3 ~~(C) Determine expected outcomes to measure for each~~
4 ~~strategy promoting college and career readiness and postsecondary completion.~~

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6 ~~6-5-1104. Reporting requirements.~~

7 ~~(a) By June 30, 2014, the Council on Postsecondary Education and~~
8 ~~Career Readiness shall:~~

9 ~~(1) Develop a written plan to reduce remediation rates and~~
10 ~~increase postsecondary graduation rates, including without limitation:~~

11 ~~(A) Annual goals;~~

12 ~~(B) Action strategies;~~

13 ~~(C) Assigned responsibilities for implementing strategies;~~

14 ~~(D) Timelines; and~~

15 ~~(E) Reporting mechanisms;~~

16 ~~(2) Provide the written plan to:~~

17 ~~(A) The House Committee on Education and the Senate~~
18 ~~Committee on Education;~~

19 ~~(B) The board of directors of each school district and~~
20 ~~open-enrollment charter school in this state; and~~

21 ~~(C) The governing board of each state-supported~~
22 ~~institution of higher education in this state; and~~

23 ~~(3) Encourage each school district board of directors and the~~
24 ~~governing board of each state-supported institution of higher education in~~
25 ~~the state to participate in the council's plan and to work collaboratively to~~
26 ~~reduce the remediation rates and further postsecondary graduation and~~
27 ~~completion rates.~~

28 ~~(b) By June 30, 2015, and annually thereafter, the council shall~~
29 ~~report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on~~
30 ~~Education:~~

31 ~~(1) The progress of the council's work for the year; and~~

32 ~~(2) Its recommendations, which may include without limitation~~
33 ~~proposals for legislative action.~~

34
35 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12 is amended
36 to read as follows:

Subchapter 12 – ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ Accelerated Learning

6-5-1201. ~~Established Definition.~~

~~There is established the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program.~~

As used in this subchapter, “accelerated learning” means an organized method of learning that enables a student to meet individual academic goals and graduation requirements while pursuing higher levels of skill development, including without limitation the following coursework:

(1) A College Board pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement course;

(2) An International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course;

(3) A Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education course;

(4) A concurrent credit course; and

(5) A substantively similar course or program approved by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

6-5-1202. Purpose of ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning – Grant funding.

(a) The purpose of ~~the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning is to:

(1) Prepare more students for:

(A) Success in higher education;

(B) Postsecondary training; and

~~Careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics~~ High-wage, high-demand careers;

(2) Increase the number of students who graduate from institutions of higher education; and

(3) Support and enhance ~~Advanced Placement~~ accelerated learning initiatives already operating in the state.

(b)(1) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall provide grant funding to organizations that implement measures to achieve the goals of ~~the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning as determined by the division.

1 (2) ~~An organization that receives grant funding to implement the~~
2 ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program under this subchapter~~
3 ~~shall:~~

4 (A) ~~Be affiliated with the National Math and Science~~
5 ~~Initiative; and~~

6 (B) ~~Have demonstrated success with an Advanced Placement~~
7 ~~Training and Incentive Program.~~

8 (3) An organization that receives grant funding to provide the
9 ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning may
10 without limitation:

11 (A) Develop public-private partnerships to advance math
12 and science learning opportunities;

13 (B) Generate revenue from public or private sector
14 entities to support other opportunities; ~~or~~ and

15 (C) Accept grants, donations, gifts, or bequests.

16 (c) Grant funding provided by the division to an organization under
17 this subchapter shall be used to:

18 (1) Support and enhance ~~the Advanced Placement Training and~~
19 ~~Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning;

20 (2) Pay for personal services and operating expenses required to
21 carry out ~~the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated
22 learning; and

23 (3) Pay for technology, materials, assessments, and other
24 resources used in ~~the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~
25 accelerated learning.

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27 6-5-1203. Components and goals of ~~Advanced Placement Training and~~
28 ~~Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning.

29 (a) ~~The Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ Accelerated
30 learning shall:

31 (1) Provide ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning content
32 directors to work, mentor, and provide resources to ~~advanced placement and~~
33 ~~pre-advanced placement~~ accelerated learning teachers in the areas of:

34 (A) Mathematics;

35 (B) Science; and

36 (C) English;

1 (2) Provide nationally recognized professional development for
2 ~~advanced placement and pre-advanced placement~~ accelerated learning teachers
3 that will enhance the knowledge and pedagogical skills of the teachers; and

4 (3) Develop and provide materials and resources for ~~advanced~~
5 ~~placement and pre-advanced placement~~ accelerated learning teachers.

6 (b) The overall goal of the ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive~~
7 ~~Program~~ accelerated learning is to:

8 (1) Increase the number of students enrolled in ~~Advanced~~
9 ~~Placement~~ accelerated learning mathematics, science, and English;

10 (2) ~~Increase the number of students who score three (3) or more~~
11 ~~on Advanced Placement exams;~~

12 ~~(3) Reduce the participation gaps and performance gaps in~~
13 ~~Advanced Placement classes between African American, Hispanic, and Caucasian~~
14 ~~students;~~

15 ~~(4) Help public high schools~~ Ensure school districts develop
16 strong and successful ~~Advanced Placement programs~~ accelerated learning for
17 public high schools;

18 ~~(5)(3)~~ Enhance and augment ~~Advanced Placement~~ accelerated
19 learning policies and initiatives in Arkansas;

20 ~~(6)(4)~~ Provide the ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive~~
21 ~~Program~~ accelerated learning in every public high school ~~that elects to~~
22 ~~participate and strengthen its Advanced Placement program~~ accelerated
23 learning; and

24 ~~(7) (5)~~ Increase the number of students prepared to enter
25 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields in higher education
26 or related training and occupations.

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28 6-5-1204. Participation in ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive~~
29 ~~Program~~ accelerated learning.

30 (a) An organization that receives grant funding to provide the
31 ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning shall
32 publish a list of program fees on or before June 1 each year.

33 (b) A public high school is eligible to participate in the ~~Advanced~~
34 ~~Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ accelerated learning.

35 (c)~~(1)~~ A public high school ~~that chooses to participate in the~~
36 ~~Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program~~ school's accelerated

1 learning shall pay a ~~participation and~~ the required service fee determined by
2 the organization.

3 ~~(2) A public high school may choose either to participate fully~~
4 ~~in the Advanced Placement Training and Incentive Program or to participate on~~
5 ~~a limited basis, in which case the public high school shall pay a fee for~~
6 ~~each service the public high school elects to use.~~

7
8 6-5-1205. Funding for accelerated learning.

9 (a) Contingent upon legislative appropriations and based on criteria
10 established by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, a school
11 that is offering accelerated learning may be awarded a one-time equipment and
12 instructional materials grant for providing an accelerated learning course.

13 (b) Contingent upon legislative appropriation and the availability of
14 funding, the state may pay in full or on a pro rata basis the cost of the
15 accelerated learning test fees.

16 (c) The State Board of Education may promulgate rules to implement
17 this subchapter.

18
19 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-13-629(a)(3)-(5), concerning the training
20 and instruction regarding interpretation of audit reports that school board
21 of directors members must receive, is amended to read as follows:

22 (3)(A) The training and instruction required under this section
23 shall include:

24 (i) Topics relevant to school laws and school
25 operations;

26 (ii) The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the
27 members of ~~the~~ a board of directors, including without limitation:

28 (a) Legal requirements, including without
29 limitation:

30 (1) The items listed or required by the
31 Legislative Joint Auditing Committee under § 6-1-101; and

32 (2) Other financial laws, rules, or
33 federal regulations designated by the Division of Elementary and Secondary
34 Education;

35 (b) Role differentiation;

36 (c) Financial management, including without

1 limitation how to read and interpret an audit report; and

2 (d) Improving student achievement; and

3 (iii) Information regarding school safety and
4 student discipline.

5 (B) The training or instruction on how to read and
6 interpret an audit report required under subdivision (a)(3)(A)(ii)(c) of this
7 section shall be conducted:

8 (i) By a person who:

9 (a) Is licensed to practice accounting by the
10 Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy;

11 (b) Has prior experience in conducting a
12 school district financial audit;

13 (c) Is not an employee of Arkansas Legislative
14 Audit unless the training or instruction is conducted for the boards of
15 directors of multiple school districts; and

16 (d) Is not the person conducting the annual
17 audit or other financial audit of the school district unless the training or
18 instruction is presented in a large group setting sponsored by a statewide or
19 regional organization that is attended by multiple school districts;

20 (ii) Under the consultation or supervision of an
21 individual who qualifies under subdivision (a)(3)(B)(i) of this section as
22 part of a program that is provided:

23 (a) By an institution of higher education
24 located in Arkansas; or

25 (b) From instruction sponsored or approved by
26 the Department of Education; ~~or~~

27 ~~(c) By an in-service training conducted by or~~
28 ~~through the Arkansas School Boards Association; and~~

29 (iii) By electronic means or in person, or both.

30 (4) Hours of training and instruction obtained in excess of the
31 minimum requirements each year may accumulate and be carried forward from
32 year to year.

33 (5) This instruction may be received from an institution of
34 higher education in this state, or from instruction sponsored or approved by
35 the ~~Department of Education, or by an in-service training program conducted~~
36 ~~by or through the Arkansas School Boards Association~~ department.

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2 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-13-808 is repealed.

3 ~~6-13-808. The Arkansas Traveling Teacher Program.~~

4 ~~(a) The Arkansas Traveling Teacher Program is hereby established and~~
5 ~~shall be administered by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education~~
6 ~~with the assistance of public school districts and education service~~
7 ~~cooperatives.~~

8 ~~(b)(1) Pursuant to the provisions of this section, and to the extent~~
9 ~~sufficient funding is available, the following persons and public school~~
10 ~~districts may enter into an agreement to provide traveling teacher services~~
11 ~~for one (1) or more receiving school districts for one (1) or more courses~~
12 ~~required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and~~
13 ~~School Districts and any Advanced Placement courses required by § 6-16-1204.~~

14 ~~(A) A traveling teacher who is appropriately licensed in~~
15 ~~Arkansas as a teacher and employed on a full-time equivalent basis by a host~~
16 ~~school district;~~

17 ~~(B) A host school district that is an Arkansas public~~
18 ~~school district with a student population of eight thousand (8,000) students~~
19 ~~or fewer and that desires to provide traveling teacher services to a~~
20 ~~receiving school district; and~~

21 ~~(C) A receiving school district that is a public school~~
22 ~~district other than the host school district and that desires to receive~~
23 ~~traveling teacher services.~~

24 ~~(2) The parties shall enter into a written agreement, in the~~
25 ~~form established by the division, that shall include without limitation the~~
26 ~~following:~~

27 ~~(A) That the traveling teacher is to provide professional~~
28 ~~teaching services to the receiving school district for one (1) or more~~
29 ~~required courses;~~

30 ~~(B) The amount of the bonus to be provided to the~~
31 ~~traveling teacher under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section;~~

32 ~~(C) For each course to be taught under the agreement:~~

33 ~~(i) A description of the course;~~

34 ~~(ii) The time and day for teaching each course; and~~

35 ~~(iii) The exact location where the course will be~~
36 ~~taught;~~

1 ~~(D)(i) Whether the agreement is for a school semester or a~~
2 ~~school year.~~

3 ~~(ii) No agreement shall be for a time period longer~~
4 ~~than a school year or shorter than a school semester;~~

5 ~~(E)(i) That the receiving school district will reimburse~~
6 ~~the host school district for the time the traveling teacher is not working in~~
7 ~~the host school district.~~

8 ~~(ii) The reimbursement shall be the receiving school~~
9 ~~district's pro rata share of the traveling teacher's time based on the hourly~~
10 ~~rate of the traveling teacher's contract with the host school district;~~

11 ~~(F) That at all times during the period of the agreement,~~
12 ~~the traveling teacher is an employee of the host school district and is~~
13 ~~subject to the personnel policies and contractual obligations of the host~~
14 ~~school district; and~~

15 ~~(G)(i) That sufficient time will be allowed for the~~
16 ~~traveling teacher to travel to and from the host school district and the~~
17 ~~receiving school district.~~

18 ~~(ii) The division shall not approve an agreement~~
19 ~~under this section unless the agreement requires the traveling teacher to be~~
20 ~~physically present in the receiving school district while the traveling~~
21 ~~teacher is teaching any course specified in the agreement.~~

22 ~~(3) The agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the division~~
23 ~~under subsection (f) of this section.~~

24 ~~(c) To the extent the agreement is approved by the division:~~

25 ~~(1)(A) Upon completion of the traveling teacher's services~~
26 ~~provided under the agreement and under the terms of the agreement, the host~~
27 ~~school district shall pay the traveling teacher, in addition to the amount~~
28 ~~required by the teacher's annual teacher's contract with the host school~~
29 ~~district a bonus of either:~~

30 ~~(i) Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for a semester~~
31 ~~agreement; or~~

32 ~~(ii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a full school~~
33 ~~year agreement.~~

34 ~~(B) The division shall reimburse the host school district~~
35 ~~for the amount of bonus paid to the traveling teacher; and~~

36 ~~(2)(A) The host school district shall reimburse the traveling~~

1 ~~teacher for expenses related to travel to and from a receiving school~~
2 ~~district at the appropriate state rate of reimbursement in existence and~~
3 ~~approved by the Department of Finance and Administration for the school year~~
4 ~~in which the traveling teacher's services are provided.~~

5 ~~(B) The division shall reimburse the host school district~~
6 ~~for the amount of travel reimbursement paid by the host school district to~~
7 ~~the traveling teacher.~~

8 ~~(d) Neither the division nor the State of Arkansas shall be obligated~~
9 ~~or liable to reimburse any bonus or travel expenses incurred under an~~
10 ~~agreement for traveling teacher services under this section if the division~~
11 ~~has not reviewed and approved the entire agreement.~~

12 ~~(e) The division may, if feasible and if funding is available,~~
13 ~~establish an online registry of public school teachers willing to enter into~~
14 ~~an agreement for traveling teacher services under this section with~~
15 ~~information concerning the teacher's employing school district and any course~~
16 ~~the teacher is qualified to teach.~~

17 ~~(f)(1) All proposed agreements among a host school district, a~~
18 ~~receiving school district, and a traveling teacher shall be submitted to the~~
19 ~~division by a date certain for review and approval by the division.~~

20 ~~(2) The division shall review each agreement with all requisite~~
21 ~~authority to approve or deny the agreement based on the provisions of law,~~
22 ~~rule, availability of funding, and discretionary determination as to the best~~
23 ~~use of state resources and funding.~~

24 ~~(3) The division shall endeavor to consider approval of an~~
25 ~~agreement to:~~

26 ~~(A) Place a traveling teacher with a receiving school~~
27 ~~district to maximize the efficiency of the traveling teacher's service to~~
28 ~~both the host and receiving school districts; and~~

29 ~~(B) Minimize the extent and duration of any travel~~
30 ~~required.~~

31 ~~(g)(1) The division shall establish any rules and agreement forms~~
32 ~~necessary for the administration of the Arkansas Traveling Teacher Program.~~

33 ~~(2) In establishing the rules, the division shall:~~

34 ~~(A) Prioritize the approval of agreements for traveling~~
35 ~~teacher services based on subject area course needs;~~

36 ~~(B) Establish appropriate travel limitations;~~

1 ~~(C) Develop a method of equitable distribution of~~
2 ~~traveling teachers among the area's education service cooperatives; and~~

3 ~~(D) Provide a means by which education service~~
4 ~~cooperatives may assist in facilitating traveling teachers.~~

5 ~~(h) No provision of this section is intended or should be interpreted~~
6 ~~to waive any immunity or defense of the State of Arkansas or its various~~
7 ~~agencies, boards, or commissions and no person shall be deemed to have any~~
8 ~~legal entitlement, recourse, or cause of action against the State of Arkansas~~
9 ~~or its various agencies, boards, or commissions based on the terms,~~
10 ~~conditions, or provisions of this section.~~

11 ~~(i) [Repealed.]~~

12
13 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 6-15-202(f)(21), concerning reporting of
14 *statutory requirements of accelerated learning by a superintendent*, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (21) Section 6-16-1201 et seq. and § 6-5-1201 et seq. concerning
17 ~~advanced placement and concurrent enrollment~~ accelerated learning;

18
19 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 6-15-214 is amended to read as follows:
20 6-15-214. ~~Advanced placement~~ Accelerated learning course counted as
21 core curriculum course taught.

22 (a) The purpose of this section is to assist small, rural public
23 schools in providing students access to the most rigorous courses available
24 if it is the desire of students to take ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated
25 learning courses in the place of regular courses and, in doing so, to meet
26 the requirements of the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public
27 Schools and School Districts.

28 (b)(1) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education acknowledges
29 that the rigor and level of difficulty of ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated
30 learning courses exceed the requirements of regular courses.

31 (2) ~~Such rigor and level of difficulty are validated through the~~
32 ~~required advanced placement audit and advanced placement examinations~~ All
33 accelerated learning courses shall meet the approved program requirements.

34 (3) The State Board of Education may deny courses that do not
35 meet the approved program requirements.

36 (c) ~~The State Board of Education~~ state board shall consider an

1 ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning course as being taught for one (1) of
2 the required courses under the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public
3 Schools and School Districts if:

4 (1) The public school district has a qualified teacher for the
5 required course;

6 (2) No students enrolled in the required course;

7 (3) An ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning course in the
8 same subject area as the required course has students enrolled in the
9 ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning course;

10 (4) The public school district teaches all other courses
11 required by the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and
12 School Districts; and

13 (5)(A) The public school district teaches the required course to
14 any student who enrolls in the public school district after the school year
15 begins.

16 (B) The public school district may teach the required
17 course to a new student:

18 (i) In a traditional classroom setting;

19 (ii) Through distance learning with a qualified
20 teacher; or

21 (iii) By modifying the ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated
22 learning course on an individual level to accommodate the new student.

23 (d)(1) The public school district shall notify the division after
24 registration in the spring before the beginning of the new school year and
25 immediately after the school year begins if no students enrolled in the
26 required course and the public school district will seek to meet the
27 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts
28 using the ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning course.

29 (2) Upon receiving the public school district notification and
30 after spring registration, the division shall permit the public school
31 district to meet the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools
32 and School Districts by teaching the ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning
33 course in place of the required course.

34 (e) If a new student enrolls in the required course, the public school
35 district shall immediately notify the division.

36 (f) The division shall establish procedures to ensure that no student

1 is coerced into taking an ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning course for
2 the purpose of meeting the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public
3 Schools and School Districts.

4
5 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 6-15-215 is repealed.

6 ~~6-15-215. The Arkansas Smart Core Incentive Funding Program—~~
7 ~~Definitions.~~

8 ~~(a) The General Assembly finds that:~~

9 ~~(1) The skills and knowledge gained through Arkansas's Smart~~
10 ~~Core curriculum provide the academic foundation required for high school~~
11 ~~graduates to succeed in their first year of college or in a job that promises~~
12 ~~a well-paying career track; and~~

13 ~~(2) School districts should encourage all students who are~~
14 ~~capable of completing the Smart Core curriculum to do so.~~

15 ~~(b) As used in this section:~~

16 ~~(1) "Eligible high school" means each public high school in a~~
17 ~~school district that meets the criteria to receive incentive funding under~~
18 ~~subsection (f) of this section and the program rules adopted under this~~
19 ~~section by the State Board of Education;~~

20 ~~(2) "Smart Core" means the curriculum established by the~~
21 ~~Division of Elementary and Secondary Education under the Standards for~~
22 ~~Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts that is part of~~
23 ~~Smart Future, a state initiative focused on improving Arkansas public high~~
24 ~~schools for all students; and~~

25 ~~(3) "Smart Core graduate" means a student who graduated from an~~
26 ~~Arkansas public high school after having successfully completed the Smart~~
27 ~~Core curriculum.~~

28 ~~(c) The Arkansas Smart Core Incentive Funding Program is established~~
29 ~~to provide a financial incentive to:~~

30 ~~(1) Assist with a public high school's efforts to encourage~~
31 ~~public high school students to complete the Smart Core curriculum;~~

32 ~~(2) Promote programs that contribute to student success,~~
33 ~~including without limitation:~~

34 ~~(A) Tutoring;~~

35 ~~(B) Quality after school and summer programs that may~~
36 ~~include literacy, math, and science specialists in elementary school; and~~

1 ~~(C) Professional development for mathematics, science,~~
2 ~~literacy, foreign language, and Advanced Placement instruction; and~~

3 ~~(3) Provide support to school counselors to improve student~~
4 ~~services.~~

5 ~~(d)(1)(A) A school district that receives incentive funding under this~~
6 ~~section shall provide the incentive funding to each eligible high school in~~
7 ~~the school district.~~

8 ~~(B) The eligible high school shall spend the incentive~~
9 ~~funding only for the purposes identified in subsection (c) of this section.~~

10 ~~(2) A school district that receives incentive funding under the~~
11 ~~program shall not use the incentive funding to provide increases to the~~
12 ~~salary schedule of the school district.~~

13 ~~(c)(1) Subject to an appropriation and available funding for the~~
14 ~~program, the division shall pay incentive funding to a school district under~~
15 ~~this section based on an annual percentage of Smart Core graduates from a~~
16 ~~public high school in the school district.~~

17 ~~(2)(A) The division shall make the calculation based on a~~
18 ~~student record analysis conducted annually by the division beginning with the~~
19 ~~graduating class of 2010.~~

20 ~~(B) The division shall exclude from the student record~~
21 ~~analysis a student with an individualized education program that does not~~
22 ~~require the student to complete the Smart Core curriculum.~~

23 ~~(f)(1) By June 30 of each year, the division shall pay to a school~~
24 ~~district incentive funding under the program as follows:~~

25 ~~(A) If one hundred percent (100%) of a public high~~
26 ~~school's graduates in the immediately preceding school year completed the~~
27 ~~Smart Core curriculum, the school district where the public high school is~~
28 ~~located shall receive one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125) per Smart Core~~
29 ~~graduate;~~

30 ~~(B) If at least ninety five percent (95%) but less than~~
31 ~~one hundred percent (100%) of a public high school's graduates in the~~
32 ~~immediately preceding school year completed the Smart Core curriculum, the~~
33 ~~school district where the public high school is located shall receive one~~
34 ~~hundred dollars (\$100) per Smart Core graduate; and~~

35 ~~(C) If at least ninety percent (90%) but less than ninety-~~
36 ~~five percent (95%) of a public high school's graduates in the immediately~~

1 ~~preceding school year completed the Smart Core curriculum, the school~~
2 ~~district where the public high school is located shall receive fifty dollars~~
3 ~~(\$50.00) per Smart Core graduate.~~

4 ~~(2) The division shall not pay incentive funding to a school~~
5 ~~district for a public high school in which less than ninety percent (90%) of~~
6 ~~its graduates complete the Smart Core curriculum.~~

7 ~~(3) If a public high school's graduation rate falls below the~~
8 ~~average graduation rate for the public high school for the previous three (3)~~
9 ~~school years, the school district is not eligible to receive the full~~
10 ~~incentive award under the program for the public high school.~~

11 ~~(g) Participation in the program is voluntary.~~

12 ~~(h) This section is effective from July 1, 2009, through June 30,~~
13 ~~2020.~~

14
15 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code §§ 6-15-901 and 6-15-902 are amended to read
16 as follows:

17 6-15-901. Definition.

18 For the purposes of this subchapter, ~~"advanced placement course~~
19 ~~accelerated learning"~~ means a course of instruction that qualifies for
20 college credit and that is approved for credit as a high school course by the
21 State Board of Education an organized method of learning that enables a
22 student to meet individual academic goals and graduation requirements while
23 pursuing higher levels of skill development, including without limitation the
24 following coursework:

25 (1) A College Board pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced
26 Placement course;

27 (2) An International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course;

28 (3) A Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education
29 course;

30 (4) A concurrent credit course; and

31 (5) A substantively similar course or program approved by the
32 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

33
34 6-15-902. Grading scale – Exemptions – Special education classes.

35 (a) The following grading scale shall be used by all public secondary
36 schools in the state for all courses, except ~~Advanced Placement~~ accelerated

1 ~~learning~~ courses, and approved courses for weighted credit, ~~and courses~~
2 ~~offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme:~~

- 3 (1) A = 90-100;
- 4 (2) B = 80-89;
- 5 (3) C = 70-79;
- 6 (4) D = 60-69; and
- 7 (5) F = 59 and below.

8 (b)(1) Each letter grade shall be given a numeric value for the
9 purpose of determining grade average.

10 (2) Except for ~~Advanced Placement~~ accelerated learning courses,
11 and approved courses for weighted credit, ~~courses offered under the~~
12 ~~International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, and honors courses,~~ the
13 numeric value for each letter grade shall be:

- 14 (A) A = 4 points;
- 15 (B) B = 3 points;
- 16 (C) C = 2 points;
- 17 (D) D = 1 point; and
- 18 (E) F = 0 points.

19 (c)(1) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules for
20 accelerated learning and approved courses for weighted credit that address
21 the following:

22 (A) ~~Adopt appropriate equivalents for advanced placement~~
23 ~~and college courses; and~~

24 (B) ~~Recommend a uniform grading structure for honors~~
25 ~~courses.~~

26 (2) ~~Weighted credit shall be allowed for advanced placement~~
27 ~~courses and courses offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma~~
28 ~~Programme if:~~

29 (A) ~~The student takes the entire Advanced Placement course~~
30 ~~or the entire course offered in the International Baccalaureate Diploma~~
31 ~~Programme in a particular subject;~~

32 (B) ~~The student completes the applicable test offered by~~
33 ~~the College Board for advanced placement courses at the end of the advanced~~
34 ~~placement course or the applicable test offered by the International~~
35 ~~Baccalaureate at the time prescribed by the organization; and~~

36 (C)(i) ~~A teacher of an advanced placement course meets~~

1 ~~Arkansas teacher licensure requirements and:~~

2 ~~(a) Attends at least one (1) of the following~~
3 ~~trainings no less than one (1) time every five (5) years:~~

4 ~~(1) College Board Advanced Placement~~
5 ~~Summer Institute;~~

6 ~~(2) College Board endorsed training; or~~
7 ~~(3) Other similarly rigorous training~~
8 ~~approved by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education; or~~

9 ~~(b) Completes an additional training plan for~~
10 ~~Advanced Placement within three (3) years of commencing the additional~~
11 ~~training plan; or~~

12 ~~(ii) A teacher of a course offered under the~~
13 ~~International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme meets Arkansas teacher~~
14 ~~licensure requirements and attends the training required by the International~~
15 ~~Baccalaureate Standards;~~

16 (B) Grading scales;

17 (C) A numeric value for the purpose of determining grade
18 average; and

19 (D) Weight given to the numeric value as provided in
20 subdivision (b)(2) of this section.

21 ~~(3)(2)~~ The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education ~~may~~
22 shall approve a course for weighted credit if the course:

23 (A) Exceeds the curriculum standards for a nonweighted
24 credit class; ~~or~~

25 (B) Meets or exceeds the standards of a comparable
26 ~~advanced placement class~~ accelerated learning course; or

27 (C) Is identified by the Division of Elementary and
28 Secondary Education as an honors class.

29 ~~(4)(A)(3)(A)~~ The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
30 in collaboration with the Division of Career and Technical Education may
31 approve a career and technical course within an approved career and technical
32 pathway for weighted credit if the course:

33 (i) Exceeds the curriculum standards for a
34 nonweighted class; and

35 (ii) Leads to an approved industry-recognized
36 certification or concurrent credit.

1 (B) The Division of Career and Technical Education shall:

2 (i) Review new and existing career and technical
3 pathways to determine which courses within the career and technical pathways
4 meet criteria for weighted credit; and

5 (ii) Publish a list of approved career and technical
6 pathways annually by January 1.

7 (C) Criteria used to determine what courses within a
8 career and technical pathway shall receive weighted credit shall include
9 without limitation the consideration of career and technical pathways that:

10 (i) Lead to high-value industry credentials; and

11 (ii) Align to state and local workforce data.

12 (D) Weighted credit awarded under subdivision ~~(e)(4)(A)~~
13 (c)(3)(A) of this section shall be awarded for each course upon:

14 (i) Completing the relevant career and technical
15 pathway; and

16 (ii) Earning the high-value industry credential
17 aligned with the career and technical pathway.

18 ~~(5)(A) A local school district board of directors may adopt a~~
19 ~~policy to allow high school students in the public school district to take~~
20 ~~college courses for weighted credit equal to the numeric grade awarded in~~
21 ~~Advanced Placement courses, courses offered under the International~~
22 ~~Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, and honors classes.~~

23 ~~(B)(i) If a local school district board of directors~~
24 ~~adopts a policy under subdivision (e)(5)(A) of this section, the school~~
25 ~~district shall apply to the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education~~
26 ~~for approval.~~

27 ~~(ii) An application under subdivision (e)(5)(B)(i) of~~
28 ~~this section shall be reviewed for approval to assign a numeric grade value,~~
29 ~~which may include weighted credit, based on the following:~~

30 ~~(a) A letter from the superintendent of the~~
31 ~~public school district or principal of the public school describing how the~~
32 ~~course exceeds expectations for coursework required under the Standards for~~
33 ~~Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts; and~~

34 ~~(b) The grade level or levels of public school~~
35 ~~students who will be enrolled in the course.~~

36 (d) A public school district may use the grading scale in this section

1 ~~in the public school district's elementary schools.~~

2 ~~(e)~~ The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may promulgate
3 rules to implement this section.
4

5 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1004(b)(2)(C), concerning the
6 continuing education and professional development requirement under the
7 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts,
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 (C) For purposes of the requirement for continuing
10 education and professional development under this section, each hour of
11 training received by licensed personnel related to teaching an ~~advanced~~
12 ~~placement class for a subject covered by the College Board and Educational~~
13 ~~Testing Service~~ accelerated learning course shall be counted as professional
14 development up to a maximum of thirty (30) hours.
15

16 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1301(b)(1), concerning the membership
17 of the Safe Schools Committee under the Safe Schools Initiative Act, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (b)(1) The Safe Schools Committee shall be composed of ~~the following~~
20 ~~individuals~~ and stakeholders deemed necessary and appointed by the
21 Commissioner of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education;

22 ~~(A) One (1) classroom teacher appointed by the Arkansas~~
23 ~~Education Association;~~

24 ~~(B) Two (2) school administrators appointed by the~~
25 ~~Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;~~

26 ~~(C) Two (2) school district board members appointed by the~~
27 ~~Arkansas School Boards Association;~~

28 ~~(D) A staff member of the division appointed by the~~
29 ~~Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education;~~

30 ~~(E) A school safety specialist, employed by an Arkansas~~
31 ~~school district, appointed by the commissioner;~~

32 ~~(F) One (1) school counselor appointed by the Arkansas~~
33 ~~Counseling Association;~~

34 ~~(G) The Director of the Criminal Justice Institute and of~~
35 ~~the Arkansas Center for School Safety, or his or her designee;~~

36 ~~(H) One (1) classroom teacher appointed by the Arkansas~~

1 ~~State Teachers Association;~~

2 ~~(I) The Director of the Division of Emergency Management,~~
3 ~~or his or her designee;~~

4 ~~(J) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Public School~~
5 ~~Resource Center, Inc., or his or her designee;~~

6 ~~(K) A chief of police or a sheriff appointed by the~~
7 ~~commissioner;~~

8 ~~(L) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Rural Ed~~
9 ~~Association, or his or her designee;~~

10 ~~(M) The State Fire Marshal, or his or her designee;~~

11 ~~(N) One (1) school psychologist appointed by the Arkansas~~
12 ~~School Psychology Association; and~~

13 ~~(O) One (1) director of an Arkansas education service~~
14 ~~cooperative appointed by the commissioner.~~

15
16 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1303(d)(3)(A), concerning the
17 provision of training and technical assistance under the Safe Schools
18 Initiative Act, is amended to read as follows:

19 (3)(A) The Arkansas Center for School Safety of the Criminal Justice
20 Institute shall be the state school safety clearinghouse and shall
21 collaborate with the following entities to provide a comprehensive,
22 efficient, and effective resource for education and law enforcement personnel
23 to obtain training and technical assistance to meet the school safety needs
24 of students in this state:

25 (i) The Division of Elementary and Secondary
26 Education;

27 (ii) The Safe Schools Committee established under
28 this subchapter; and

29 ~~(iii) The Arkansas Association of Educational~~
30 ~~Administrators;~~

31 ~~(iv) The Arkansas School Boards Association;~~

32 ~~(v) Education service cooperatives;~~

33 ~~(vi) The Division of Emergency Management;~~

34 ~~(vii) The Arkansas Public School Resource Center,~~
35 ~~Inc.; and~~

36 ~~(viii) Other key stakeholders.~~

1
2 SECTION 15. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 21, is
3 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

4 6-15-2102. Definition.

5 As used in this subchapter, "school" includes a public school within a
6 traditional public school district and an open-enrollment public charter
7 school.
8

9 SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 6-15-2108 is amended to read as follows:

10 6-15-2108. School rating system.

11 (a) The school rating system shall be a multiple-measures approach
12 that shall include without limitation:

13 (1) Academic achievement on the annual statewide student
14 assessment;

15 (2) Student growth on the annual statewide student assessment;
16 and

17 (3) School-level graduation rate or rates; ~~and~~
18 ~~(4) English learner progress or growth in acquiring English.~~

19 ~~(b) The school rating system shall consider without limitation at~~
20 ~~least one (1) or more of the following indicators:~~

21 ~~(1) Closing the achievement gap;~~
22 ~~(2) Academic growth of student subgroups, including without~~
23 ~~limitation economically disadvantaged students, students from major racial~~
24 ~~and ethnic groups, English learners, and students with disabilities;~~

25 ~~(3) The percentage of the grade nine (9) cohort with on-time~~
26 ~~completion of credit attainment at the end of grade nine (9);~~

27 ~~(4) Equity in resource allocation;~~

28 ~~(5) The percentage of students who earn:~~

29 ~~(A) Advanced placement credit;~~

30 ~~(B) Concurrent credit;~~

31 ~~(C) International Baccalaureate credit; or~~

32 ~~(D) Industry recognized certification that leads to~~
33 ~~articulated or concurrent credit at a postsecondary institution;~~

34 ~~(6) Student access to multiple flexible learning continua,~~
35 ~~including but not limited to personalized, competency, or mastery learning;~~

36 ~~(7) Student access to preschool offered by the public school~~

1 ~~district;~~

2 ~~(8) The proportional percentage of qualified educators who hold~~
3 ~~a National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification or have an~~
4 ~~advanced degree beyond their bachelor's degree; and~~

5 ~~(9) Public school district and community partnerships.~~

6 ~~(e)~~(b) Indicators included or considered as part of the school rating
7 system shall:

8 (1) Allow for meaningful differentiation in school performance;
9 and

10 (2) Be valid, reliable, comparable, and applicable statewide.

11 ~~(d)~~(c) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall:

12 (1) ~~promulgate~~ Promulgate rules to implement this section; and

13 (2) Develop a formula to determine a letter grade under § 6-15-
14 2105 for the following without limitation:

15 (A) A public school district; and

16 (B) An education service cooperative.

17
18 SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 6-16-140(a), concerning a certificate of
19 attainment awarded to a student completing an approved vocational or
20 technical career pathway or program of study at a public high school, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (a) A student who successfully completes an approved vocational or
23 technical career pathway or program of study at a public high school shall be
24 awarded a certificate of attainment that shall be:

25 (1) Aligned in the appropriate career pathway or program of
26 study; and

27 (2) Used for consideration of acceptance and ~~advanced~~ priority
28 placement into an apprenticeship training program.

29
30 SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 6-16-148(a)(1), concerning the foundation
31 of certain social studies or history courses offered in grades seven through
32 twelve (7-12), is amended to read as follows:

33 (1) A social studies or history course conditioned upon
34 knowledge of historical events from the colonial period to modern times of
35 United States history for which graduation credit is or may be ~~received,~~
36 ~~except for advanced placement courses~~

1
2 SECTION 19. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 8, is
3 repealed.

4 ~~Subchapter 8—Arkansas Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate~~
5 ~~Diploma Incentive Program Act of 1995~~

6 ~~6-16-801. Title.~~

7 ~~This subchapter shall be known as and may be cited as the “Arkansas~~
8 ~~Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program~~
9 ~~Act of 1995”.~~

10
11 ~~6-16-802. Purpose.~~

12 ~~(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to serve as a legislative~~
13 ~~charter for the establishment, organization, and administration of a program~~
14 ~~designed to improve the course offerings available to middle school, junior~~
15 ~~high school, and high school students throughout the state.~~

16 ~~(b) The program established under this subchapter will provide~~
17 ~~advanced educational courses that are easily accessible and that will prepare~~
18 ~~students for admission to and success in a postsecondary educational~~
19 ~~environment.~~

20 ~~(c) A key component in the program is adequately preparing teachers~~
21 ~~and schools in providing advanced placement courses or courses offered under~~
22 ~~the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme to their students.~~

23
24 ~~6-16-803. Definitions.~~

25 ~~As used in this subchapter:~~

26 ~~(1) “Advanced placement course” means a high school level~~
27 ~~preparatory course for a college advanced placement test that incorporates~~
28 ~~all topics specified by the College Board and Educational Testing Service on~~
29 ~~its standard syllabus for a given subject area and is approved by the College~~
30 ~~Board and Educational Testing Service;~~

31 ~~(2) “College advanced placement test” means the advanced~~
32 ~~placement test administered by the College Board and Educational Testing~~
33 ~~Service;~~

34 ~~(3) “College Board” means the College Board and Educational~~
35 ~~Testing Service;~~

36 ~~(4) “International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme” means an~~

1 international education program offered by the International Baccalaureate;
2 (5) "Preadvanced placement course" means a middle school, junior
3 high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares students
4 to enroll and participate in an advanced placement course;

5 (6) "Program" means the Arkansas Advanced Placement and
6 International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program; and

7 (7) "State board" means the State Board of Education.
8

9 ~~6-16-804. Established Subsidies Rules.~~

10 (a) ~~The Arkansas Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate~~
11 ~~Diploma Incentive Program is hereby established, to be administered by the~~
12 ~~Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education.~~

13 (b) ~~Contingent upon legislative appropriations and based on criteria~~
14 ~~established by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, schools~~
15 ~~participating in the program may be awarded a one-time equipment and~~
16 ~~instructional materials grant for providing an advanced placement course or a~~
17 ~~course offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.~~

18 (c) ~~Subject to legislative appropriations, a teacher participating in~~
19 ~~the advanced placement program, in the International Baccalaureate Diploma~~
20 ~~Programme, or in the preadvanced placement program may be awarded subsidized~~
21 ~~teacher training for advanced placement courses at a cost not to exceed six~~
22 ~~hundred fifty dollars (\$650) per teacher.~~

23 (d)(1) ~~Contingent upon legislative appropriation and the availability~~
24 ~~of funding, the state may pay in full, or on a pro rata basis as determined~~
25 ~~under subdivision (d)(2) of this section, the cost of the advanced placement~~
26 ~~test fee or the equivalent test fee under the International Baccalaureate~~
27 ~~Diploma Programme, or both.~~

28 (2) ~~The State Board of Education may create a sliding scale~~
29 ~~based on family income.~~

30 (e) ~~The state board is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to~~
31 ~~implement this subchapter.~~
32

33 ~~6-16-805. Funding.~~

34 (a) ~~The awards granted under the provisions of this subchapter for~~
35 ~~both advanced placement and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme~~
36 ~~may be funded by donations, grants, or legislative appropriation.~~

~~(b) All donations, grants, and appropriations received shall be accounted for by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.~~

~~(c) The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education may solicit and receive donations and grants for the purpose of making awards.~~

~~6-16-806. Treatment as advanced placement course.~~

~~Any high school course offered under the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme shall be treated the same as an advanced placement course, including for the following purposes:~~

~~(1) Weighted credit;~~

~~(2) The Arkansas Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Diploma Incentive Program Act of 1995, § 6-16-801 et seq.; and~~

~~(3) Reporting requirements.~~

SECTION 20. Arkansas Code §§ 6-16-1202 through 6-16-1204 are amended to read as follows:

6-16-1202. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) ~~“Advanced Placement course” means a high school level preparatory course for a college Advanced Placement test that:~~

~~(A) Incorporates all topics specified by the College Board and Educational Testing Service on its standards syllabus for a given subject area; and~~

~~(B) Is approved by the College Board and Educational Testing Service;~~

~~(2) “Endorsed concurrent enrollment course” means a college level course offered by an institution of higher education in this state that upon completion would qualify for academic credit in both the institution of higher education and a public high school that:~~

~~(A) Is in one (1) of the four (4) core areas of math, English, science, and social studies;~~

~~(B) Meets the requirements of § 6-16-1204(b); and~~

~~(C) Is listed in the Arkansas Course Transfer System of the Division of Higher Education;~~

~~(3) “Pre Advanced Placement course” means a middle school, junior high school, or high school level course that specifically prepares~~

~~students to enroll and to participate in an advanced placement course; and~~

~~(4) "Vertical team" means a group of educators from different grade levels in a given discipline who work cooperatively to develop and implement a vertically aligned program aimed at helping students from diverse backgrounds acquire the academic skills necessary for success in the Advanced Placement program and other challenging coursework~~ "Accelerated learning" means an organized method of learning that enables students to meet individual academic goals and graduation requirements while pursuing higher levels of skill development, including without limitation the following coursework:

(A) A College Board pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement course;

(B) An International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course;

(C) A Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education course;

(D) A concurrent credit course; and

(E) A substantively similar course or program approved by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

(2) "Concurrent credit course" means a college-level course offered by an institution of higher education in this state that upon completion would qualify for academic credit in both the institution of higher education and a public high school.

6-16-1203. Teacher skills and training.

~~(a)(1) A teacher of an Advanced Placement course must obtain appropriate training.~~

~~(2) The State Board of Education shall establish clear, specific, and challenging training guidelines that require teachers of College Board advanced placement courses and teachers of pre-Advanced Placement courses to obtain College Board sponsored or endorsed training.~~

~~(3) The training may include vertical team training.~~

~~(b)(a)~~ An instructor of an endorsed concurrent enrollment an accelerated learning or concurrent credit course shall have meet the requirements of the:

(1) Institution of higher education that is offering the course;

1 or

2 (2) Accrediting organization authorized under § 6-16-1202+

3 ~~(1)(A) No less than a master's degree that includes at least~~
4 ~~eighteen (18) hours of completed course work in the subject area of the~~
5 ~~endorsed concurrent enrollment course.~~

6 ~~(B)(b)(1) The An instructor's credentials shall be~~
7 ~~approved by the academic unit or chief academic officer of the institution of~~
8 ~~higher education offering the endorsed concurrent credit enrollment course,~~
9 ~~and.~~

10 (2) The relevant credentials and experience necessary to teach
11 from the syllabus approved by the institution of higher education granting
12 the course credit.

13
14 6-16-1204. Implementation.

15 ~~(a)(1) In order to prepare students for the rigor inherent in Advanced~~
16 ~~Placement courses, school districts shall offer pre-Advanced Placement~~
17 ~~courses to prepare students for the demands of Advanced Placement coursework.~~

18 ~~(2) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall~~
19 ~~approve all classes designated as pre-Advanced Placement courses.~~

20 ~~(b) An endorsed A concurrent credit enrollment course must meet the~~
21 ~~following requirements:~~

22 (1) The course must be a course offered by an institution of
23 higher education in this state that is:

24 (A) Approved through the institution of higher education's
25 normal process; and

26 (B) Listed in the institution of higher education's
27 catalog;

28 (2) The course content and instruction must meet the same
29 standards and adopt the same learning outcomes as those developed for a
30 course taught on the campus of the institution of higher education, including
31 without limitation:

32 (A) The administration of any departmental exams
33 applicable to the course; and

34 (B) The use of substantially the same book and syllabus as
35 is used at the college level;

36 (3) The course must be taught by an instructor with the

1 qualifications required under ~~§ 6-16-1203(b)~~ § 6-16-1203;

2 (4) The institution of higher education offering the course
3 must:

4 (A) Provide to the course instructor staff development,
5 supervision, and evaluation; and

6 (B)(i) Provide the students enrolled in the course with:

7 (a) Academic guidance counseling; and

8 (b) The opportunity to utilize the on-campus
9 library or other academic resources of the institution of higher education.

10 (ii) ~~Nothing in this~~ This subdivision ~~(b)(4)~~ (a)(4)
11 shall not preclude institutions of higher education from collaborating to
12 meet the requirements of this subdivision ~~(b)(4)~~ (a)(4);

13 (5) To be eligible to enroll in ~~an endorsed~~ a concurrent
14 ~~enrollment~~ credit course, the student must:

15 (A) *Be admitted by the institution of higher education as*
16 ~~a nondegree or noncertificate-seeking student; and~~

17 (B) Meet all of the prerequisites for the course in which
18 he or she is enrolled; and

19 (6)(A) Credit for the ~~endorsed~~ concurrent ~~enrollment~~ credit
20 course may only be awarded by the institution of higher education offering
21 the course.

22 (B) ~~Nothing in this~~ This subdivision ~~(b)(6)~~ (a)(6) shall
23 not preclude institutions of higher education from collaborating to provide
24 the course and award course credit.

25 ~~(e)(b)~~ Beginning with the ~~2008-2009~~ 2025-2026 school year, all public
26 school districts and open-enrollment public charter schools shall offer ~~one~~
27 ~~(1) College Board Advanced Placement course in each of the four (4) core~~
28 ~~areas of math, English, science, and social studies for a total of four (4)~~
29 ~~courses at least four (4) accelerated learning courses that cover the~~
30 following subject areas:

31 (1) Math;

32 (2) English;

33 (3) Science; and

34 (4) Social studies.

35 ~~(d)(1) The requirement under subsection (e) of this section shall be~~
36 ~~phased in over a period of four (4) years beginning with the 2005-2006 school~~

1 year.

2 ~~(2) Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all high schools~~
3 ~~in Arkansas shall offer a minimum of four (4) Advanced Placement courses by~~
4 ~~adding at least one (1) core course each year to the list of courses~~
5 ~~available to high school students.~~

6 ~~(e)(1)(A) A state supported two-year or four-year institution of~~
7 ~~higher education may offer a reduced tuition rate for endorsed concurrent~~
8 ~~enrollment courses offered by the institution of higher education to high~~
9 ~~school students under this subchapter.~~

10 ~~(B) The reduction in tuition under subdivision (e)(1)(A)~~
11 ~~of this section or any tuition paid by the institution of higher education~~
12 ~~under subdivision (e)(3)(B) of this section shall not be considered an~~
13 ~~institutional scholarship.~~

14 ~~(2) The number of students enrolled and the semester credit~~
15 ~~hours for endorsed concurrent enrollment courses shall be included in the~~
16 ~~calculation of full-time equivalent enrollment for the institution of higher~~
17 ~~education.~~

18 ~~(3)(A) A national school lunch student, as defined in § 6-20-~~
19 ~~2303, shall not be required to pay any of the costs up to a maximum of six~~
20 ~~(6) credit hours of endorsed concurrent enrollment courses that are taught.~~

21 ~~(i) On the grounds of the public school district in~~
22 ~~which the student is enrolled; and~~

23 ~~(ii) By a teacher employed by the public school~~
24 ~~district in which the student is enrolled.~~

25 ~~(B) The costs for endorsed concurrent enrollment courses~~
26 ~~under subdivision (e)(3)(A) of this section shall be paid:~~

27 ~~(i) By the public school district in which the~~
28 ~~student is enrolled;~~

29 ~~(ii) By the institution of higher education offering~~
30 ~~the course; or~~

31 ~~(iii) Through a cost-sharing agreement between the~~
32 ~~public school district and the institution of higher education.~~

33 (c)(1) Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year and each year
34 thereafter, the tuition rate for a concurrent credit course offered by a
35 public school district or open-enrollment public charter school in
36 partnership with an institution of higher education shall:

1 (A) For every one (1) academic credit hour provided by an
2 institution of higher education, be an agreed amount that is not:

3 (i) More than two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the
4 per-pupil amount established under § 6-20-2305 that is allotted per student
5 each year; and

6 (ii) Less than one-half percent (0.5%) of the per-
7 pupil amount established under § 6-20-2305 that is allotted per student each
8 year; and

9 (B) Not exceed the standard tuition rate and fee structure
10 of the institution of higher education providing the concurrent credit
11 course.

12 (2)(A) The amount established under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of
13 this section may be satisfied through the following sources:

14 (i) ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program
15 funds;

16 (ii) Funding from the school district where a
17 student is enrolled;

18 (iii) Other consideration agreed to by the public
19 school district or open-enrollment public charter school and institution of
20 higher education; and

21 (iv) Any other available sources as determined by
22 the Division of Higher Education.

23 (B) An institution of higher education shall not receive
24 funding for concurrent credit courses for tuition at secondary vocational
25 centers under § 6-51-301 et seq. if the institution of higher education is
26 already receiving funding designated for vocational center aid.

27 (3) A student or a student's parent or guardian shall not be
28 responsible for tuition, fees, or materials for participation in a concurrent
29 credit course.

30
31 SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 6-17-309 is amended to read as follows:

32 6-17-309. Licensure – Waiver.

33 (a)~~(1)~~ A class of students shall not be under the instruction of a
34 teacher who is not licensed to teach the grade level or subject matter of the
35 class for more than sixty (60) consecutive school days in the same class
36 during a school year.

1 ~~(2)(b)~~ This subsection Subsection (a) of this section shall not
2 apply to:

3 ~~(A)(1)~~ Nondegreed vocational-technical teachers;

4 ~~(B)(2)~~ Individuals approved by the Division of Elementary
5 and Secondary Education to teach the grade level or subject matter of the
6 class in the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education's distance
7 learning program;

8 ~~(C)(3)~~ Individuals teaching concurrent credit courses or
9 ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning courses who:

10 ~~(i)(A)~~ Are employed by a postsecondary institution;

11 ~~(ii)(B)~~ Meet the qualification requirements of a
12 postsecondary institution or the Division of Career and Technical Education;
13 and

14 ~~(iii)(C)~~ Are teaching in a course in which credit is
15 offered by an institution of higher education or a technical institute;

16 ~~(D)(4)~~ Licensed teachers teaching in one (1) of the
17 following settings:

18 ~~(i)(A)~~ An alternative learning environment;

19 ~~(ii)(B)~~ A juvenile detention facility;

20 ~~(iii)(C)~~ A residential and day alcohol, drug, and
21 psychiatric facility program;

22 ~~(iv)(D)~~ An emergency youth shelter;

23 ~~(v)(E)~~ A facility of the Division of Youth Services;
24 or

25 ~~(vi)(F)~~ A facility of the Division of Developmental
26 Disabilities Services;

27 ~~(E)(5)~~ Licensed special education teachers who are
28 teaching two (2) or more core academic subjects exclusively to children with
29 disabilities; or

30 ~~(F)(6)~~ Teachers who are working under an Aspiring Teacher
31 permit for a period of time not to exceed one (1) academic year or two (2)
32 consecutive semesters.

33 ~~(b)(1) If this requirement imposes an undue hardship on a school~~
34 ~~district, the school district may apply to the State Board of Education for a~~
35 ~~waiver.~~

36 ~~(2) The state board shall develop rules for granting a waiver.~~

~~(3) Any school district that obtains a waiver shall send written notice of the assignment to the parent or guardian of each student in the classroom no later than the sixtieth school day after the date of the assignment.~~

~~(4) [Repealed.]~~

SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 6-17-709(d), concerning the professional development schedule for licensed educators, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall establish the curriculum under this section in collaboration with ~~educational agencies and associations, including without limitation the~~ relevant stakeholders.

~~(1) Division of Higher Education;~~

~~(2) Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;~~

~~(3) Arkansas Education Association;~~

~~(4) Arkansas School Boards Association;~~

~~(5) Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development;~~

~~(6) Arkansas State Teachers Association; and~~

~~(7) Arkansas Rural Ed Association.~~

SECTION 23. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-18-237. Absences for certain purposes unexcused.

(a) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter school shall not grant excused absences for purposes of political protest.

(b) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter school may grant an excused absence for the following purposes with written consent of a parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to the student:

(1) Social or public policy advocacy; or

(2) Attempts to influence legislation or other governmental policy-making at the local, state, or federal level.

(c) This section does not prohibit students from attending curricular or cocurricular activities approved by the public school district or open-enrollment public charter school for credit.

(d) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter

school that grants excused or unexcused absences under subsections (a) or (b) of this section shall provide a report by June 30 each year to the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education that contains the following:

- (1) The number of absences requested under this section;
- (2) The number of absences granted under this section; and
- (3) The stated purposes of the absence.

SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1104(b), concerning parental notification and permission related to school fundraising programs, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A one-page form for parental notification and permission shall be developed by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education ~~in cooperation with school administrators and the Arkansas Parent Teacher Association.~~

SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 6-18-2004(b)(2)(G)(vi), concerning the direct and indirect services offered as comprehensive student services by a school counselor as part of a contributing member of a decision-making team in advanced placement and gifted and talented programs, is amended to read as follows:

(vi) ~~Advanced placement~~ Accelerated learning and gifted and talented programs.

SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 6-18-2004(c), concerning administrative activities performed by a school counselor, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) Administrative activities performed by a school counselor shall not exceed more than ten percent (10%) of the school counselor's time spent working during student contact days.

(2) Administrative activities provided by a school counselor in collaboration with other school personnel include without limitation:

(A) Coordinating state assessments, cognitive achievement assessments, ~~advanced placement~~ accelerated learning programs, and English language proficiency testing programs;

(B) Developing master schedules;

(C) Coordinating of:

(i) Teams convened under Section 504 of the

1 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Pub. L. No. 93-112;
2 (ii) Response-to-intervention teams;
3 (iii) English learner programs;
4 (iv) Parental involvement or family engagement
5 programs;
6 (v) Positive behavioral intervention support
7 programs;
8 (vi) Data entry; and
9 (vii) ~~Advanced placement~~ Accelerated learning and
10 gifted and talented programs; and
11 (D) Monitoring students in common areas such as the
12 cafeteria, hallway, playground, and bus lines.
13

14 SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2203(a)(4), concerning the
15 development by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education of the
16 Arkansas Financial Accounting Handbook, is amended to read as follows:

17 (4) The rules shall be developed by the state board in
18 cooperation with the division, and representatives from the ~~Arkansas~~
19 ~~Association of Educational Administrators, the Arkansas Association of School~~
20 ~~Business Officials, the Arkansas Education Association, the education service~~
21 ~~cooperatives, and the~~ Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.
22

23 SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2204(a)(3)(A), concerning required
24 training for public school districts, open-enrollment public charter schools,
25 and education service cooperatives under the Arkansas Educational Financial
26 Accounting and Reporting Act of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

27 (3)(A) The instruction may be provided by an institution of
28 higher education in this state, from instruction sponsored by the division,
29 ~~by an in-service training program conducted by the Arkansas Association of~~
30 ~~School Business Officials~~, or from another provider.
31

32 SECTION 29. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2204(b)(2), concerning required Tier
33 II training for public school districts, open-enrollment public charter
34 schools, and education service cooperatives under the Arkansas Educational
35 Financial Accounting and Reporting Act of 2004, is amended to read as
36 follows:

1 (2) Tier II training shall be developed by the division in
2 cooperation with representatives from ~~the Arkansas Association of Educational~~
3 ~~Administrators, the Arkansas Association of School Business Officials, the~~
4 ~~Arkansas Education Association,~~ the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, ~~and~~
5 ~~the education service cooperatives.~~

6
7 SECTION 30. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2207(b)(1), concerning the rules
8 governing the uniform budget and accounting system for school districts,
9 education service cooperatives, and open-enrollment public charter schools,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 (b)(1)~~(A)~~ The state board shall amend the rules, and the Division of
12 Elementary and Secondary Education shall amend the Arkansas Financial
13 Accounting Handbook provided in subsection (a) of this section as necessary.

14 ~~(B) The amendments, annual revisions, and financial~~
15 ~~accounting updates to the Arkansas Financial Accounting Handbook shall be~~
16 ~~developed with representatives from the Arkansas Association of School~~
17 ~~Business Officials, the education service cooperatives, and other school~~
18 ~~district officials as designated by the division.~~

19
20 SECTION 31. Arkansas Code § 6-21-113(a), concerning the membership of
21 the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (a) To assist the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and
24 Transportation, there is established the Advisory Committee on Public School
25 Academic Facilities to be composed of the following members who must be
26 willing to devote adequate time to the work of the committee and who reflect
27 the demographics of the state:

28 (1) The Director of the Division of Public School Academic
29 Facilities and Transportation or the director's designee, who shall also
30 serve as secretary to the committee;

31 (2) One (1) person who is a licensed building contractor
32 experienced in public school construction ~~selected from a list of no fewer~~
33 ~~than three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Chapter of the Associated~~
34 ~~General Contractors of America;~~

35 (3) One (1) person who is a licensed architect experienced in
36 public school design ~~submitted by the Arkansas Chapter, the American~~

1 ~~Institute of Architects;~~

2 (4) One (1) person who is a licensed or registered mechanical
3 engineer experienced in public school mechanical and plumbing systems design
4 ~~selected from a list of no fewer than three (3) names submitted by the~~
5 ~~Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers;~~

6 (5) One (1) person who is a licensed or registered electrical
7 engineer experienced in public school electrical systems design ~~selected from~~
8 ~~a list of no fewer than three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Society of~~
9 ~~Professional Engineers;~~

10 (6) One (1) person who is a licensed or registered civil
11 engineer experienced in public school civil engineering design and
12 construction ~~selected from a list of no fewer than three (3) names submitted~~
13 ~~by the Arkansas Society of Professional Engineers;~~

14 (7) Two (2) persons selected by the Commission for Arkansas
15 Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, one (1) of whom is
16 knowledgeable and holds certification in the field of educational technology
17 applications and strategies;

18 (8) ~~Two (2) persons selected from a list of six (6) names~~
19 ~~submitted by the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators from its~~
20 ~~membership;~~

21 ~~(9) One (1) person selected from a list of three (3) names~~
22 ~~submitted by the Arkansas Education Association from its membership;~~

23 ~~(10) Two (2) persons selected from a list of six (6) names~~
24 ~~submitted by the Arkansas School Boards Association from its membership;~~

25 ~~(11) Two (2) persons selected from a list of six (6) names~~
26 ~~submitted by the Arkansas Rural Ed Association from its membership;~~

27 ~~(12) One (1) person selected from a list of three (3) names~~
28 ~~submitted by the Arkansas Public School Resource Center, Inc., from its~~
29 ~~membership; and~~

30 ~~(13) Three (3) persons, one (1) from each of the professions of~~
31 ~~construction, architecture, and education, selected by the commission to~~
32 ~~serve as ex-officio members of the committee based on prior service on the~~
33 ~~committee;~~

34 (9) One (1) licensed teacher appointed by the Commissioner of
35 Elementary and Secondary Education;

36 (10) One (1) principal appointed by the commissioner; and

1 (11) One (1) superintendent appointed by the commissioner.

2
3 SECTION 32. Arkansas Code § 6-21-817(b), concerning the membership of
4 the Public School Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (b) The committee shall be composed of ~~six (6) members as follows~~ the
7 following members:

8 (1) One (1) member from the Building Authority Division;

9 (2) One (1) member from the Division of Public School Academic
10 Facilities and Transportation;

11 (3) One (1) member from the ~~State Fire Marshal Office of the~~
12 ~~Division of Arkansas State Police~~ Office of Fire Protection Services;

13 (4) One (1) member from the Division of Elementary and Secondary
14 Education;

15 ~~(5) One (1) member from the Arkansas Association of Educational~~
16 ~~Administrators; and~~

17 ~~(6) One (1) member from the Arkansas Public School Resource~~
18 ~~Center, Inc.~~

19 (5) Other relevant stakeholders deemed necessary by the members
20 designated under subdivisions (b)(1)-(4) of this section.

21
22 SECTION 33. Arkansas Code § 6-28-112(b), concerning academic course
23 placement under the Arkansas Military Child School Transitions Act of 2021,
24 is amended to read as follows:

25 (b) Academic course placement includes without limitation enrollment
26 in:

27 (1) ~~Honors courses~~ Accelerated learning courses; and

28 (2) ~~The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme;~~

29 ~~(3) Advanced Placement courses; and~~

30 ~~(4)~~ Academic, technical, and career pathway courses.

31
32 SECTION 34. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 28, Subchapter 2, is
33 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

34 § 6-28-207. Purple Star Schools.

35 (a) A public school district or an open-enrollment public charter
36 school that shows a significant commitment to serving students and families

1 connected to the United States Armed Forces may be designated as a Purple
2 Star School or Purple Star School District.

3 (b) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may promulgate
4 rules to implement this section.

5
6 SECTION 35. Arkansas Code § 6-41-610(b)(2), concerning the membership
7 of the committee that develops and updates the Arkansas Dyslexia Resource
8 Guide, is amended to read as follows:

9 (2)~~(A)~~ The committee shall include ~~one (1) representative who~~
10 ~~has the following members who shall have~~ experience working in the field of
11 dyslexia intervention ~~from the following organizations, and are~~ appointed by
12 the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education:

13 ~~(i)(A) The Arkansas Association of Educational~~
14 ~~Administrators~~ One (1) public school administrator;

15 ~~(ii)(B) The Division~~ A representative from the Office of
16 Learning Services of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education;

17 ~~(iii)(C) The~~ A representative from the Division of Higher
18 Education;

19 ~~(iv)(D) The Arkansas Education Association~~ One (1) public
20 school licensed educator;

21 ~~(v)(E) The Arkansas School Boards Association~~ One (1)
22 public school district board of directors member;

23 ~~(vi)(F) The Arkansas School Psychology Association, A~~
24 school psychologist with at least three (3) years of experience in testing
25 for dyslexia; ~~and~~

26 ~~(vii)(G) An education service cooperative administrator;~~
27 and

28 ~~(B)(H)~~ Three (3) professionals who have worked in a public
29 school who are knowledgeable in and have expertise in dyslexia screening and
30 interventions.

31
32 SECTION 36. Arkansas Code §§ 6-51-602 and 6-51-603 are amended to read
33 as follows:

34 6-51-602. Definitions.

35 As used in this subchapter, ~~unless the context otherwise requires:~~

36 (1) "Admissions representative" means a person who executes an

1 enrollment agreement and who receives compensation for the primary duties of
2 encouraging prospective students to enroll for training in a program of study
3 offered by a school covered under the provisions of this subchapter;

4 (2) "Board" means the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~
5 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board;

6 (3) ~~"Combination school" means any school in which programs of~~
7 ~~study are conducted by both distance education and resident training;~~

8 ~~(4) "Director" means the authorized representative of the State~~
9 ~~Board of Private Career Education for the purpose of administering the~~
10 ~~provisions of this subchapter;~~

11 ~~(5) "Distance education school" means any school in which all~~
12 ~~programs of study are conducted by distance education;~~

13 ~~(6) "Extension course site" means a location away from the~~
14 ~~school where a course or courses are conducted one (1) or more times during~~
15 ~~the licensure period;~~

16 (4) "Institution of higher education" means a:

17 (A) State-supported two-year or four-year college or
18 university; or

19 (B) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or
20 university with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible
21 to receive Title IV federal student aid funds;

22 ~~(7)(5) "Program of study" means an organized unit of courses or~~
23 ~~an individual course in which instruction is offered;~~

24 ~~(8) "Resident school" means any school in which all programs of~~
25 ~~study are conducted in resident classrooms or held in public meeting~~
26 ~~facilities;~~

27 ~~(9)(6) "Satellite school" means a location within the State of~~
28 school located in Arkansas but away from the school where programs of study
29 are offered on a regular continuing basis by Arkansas schools;

30 ~~(10)(A)(7)(A) "School" means any person, firm, partnership,~~
31 ~~association, corporation, or other form of business organization seeking to~~
32 ~~do business or offering in the State of Arkansas~~ an entity that offers:

33 (i) ~~resident~~ Resident or correspondence training that
34 leads to or enhances occupational qualifications;

35 (B) ~~"School" also means any firm, partnership,~~
36 ~~association, corporation, or other form of business organization that offers~~

1 ~~instruction~~

2 (ii) Instruction in airframe or power plant
3 mechanics;

4 ~~(C)(iii) "School" also means any firm, partnership,~~
5 ~~association, corporation, or other form of business organization that offers~~
6 ~~training~~ Training as preparation for passing exams that may lead to
7 employment; or

8 ~~(D)(iv) "School" also means any firm, partnership,~~
9 ~~association, corporation, or other form of business organization that offers~~
10 ~~driver~~ Driver education training, excluding those courses taught to motor
11 vehicle violators pursuant to court order.

12 ~~(E)(B) "School" does not include:~~

13 ~~(i) A program of instruction in yoga or in yoga-~~
14 ~~teacher training; or~~

15 ~~(ii) An an institution that is subject to the~~
16 ~~jurisdiction of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board under § 6-~~
17 ~~61-301 of higher education; and~~

18 ~~(11)(8) "Student" or "enrollee" means a person who is seeking to~~
19 ~~enroll, has been enrolled, is sought for enrollment, or is seeking training~~
20 ~~or instruction in a school as defined in this section.~~

21
22 6-51-603. Exemptions.

23 The following are exempt from licensure under this subchapter:

24 (1) Private institutions exclusively offering instruction at any
25 or all levels from ~~preschool~~ prekindergarten through ~~twelfth~~ grade twelve
26 (preK-12);

27 (2) Schools established by ~~laws of Arkansas~~ laws, ~~governed by~~
28 ~~Arkansas boards~~, and permitted to operate for the sole purpose of providing
29 specific training normally required to qualify persons for occupational
30 licensure by state boards or commissions, which determine education and other
31 standards for licensure and operation of such schools;

32 (3) ~~State colleges and universities coordinated by the Arkansas~~
33 ~~Higher Education Coordinating Board~~ Institutions of higher education;

34 (4) Programs of study offered ~~by institutions or individuals~~ for
35 personal improvement, whether avocational or recreational, if designated
36 through media or other sources as not for the purpose of enhancing an

1 occupational objective;

2 (5) Schools operated solely to provide programs of study in
3 theology, divinity, religious education, and ministerial training;

4 (6) A training program offered or sponsored by an employer for
5 training and preparation of its own employees and for which no tuition fee is
6 charged the employee;

7 (7) A program of study sponsored by a recognized trade,
8 business, or professional organization for instruction of the members of the
9 organization with a closed membership and for which no fee is charged the
10 member;

11 (8) A school or educational institution supported by state or
12 local government taxation;

13 (9) Flight instructors and flight instruction schools licensed
14 under appropriate Federal Aviation Administration regulations and offering
15 only training for a private pilot's license;

16 (10) Schools covered by § 6-61-301(a)(3) and exempt from § 6-61-
17 101 et seq.;

18 (11) Training offered by other Arkansas state agencies, boards,
19 or commissions;

20 (12)(A) Training offered on military bases where a majority of
21 the students enrolled are active duty personnel or their adult family
22 members, United States Department of Defense civilian employees or their
23 adult family members, members of the United States Armed Forces reserve
24 components, and retirees.

25 (B) These organizations shall remain exempt from the
26 requirement for licensure if required to move off the military installation
27 for a period of not more than ninety (90) days because of a change in
28 security level which would not allow civilian students on the installation.

29 (C) ~~The State Board of Private Career~~ Division of Higher
30 Education shall have the authority to may review any situations that extend
31 past the ninety-day period and determine whether the exemption status should
32 remain for the school;

33 (13) Certified nurse aide or certified nursing assistant
34 training programs:

35 (A) Whose underlying majority ownership has ownership of
36 five (5) or more nursing facilities licensed by the Office of Long-Term Care;

1 and

2 (B) That are under the regulatory oversight of the office;

3 and

4 (14) Schools located outside the state that:

5 (A) Offer education or training outside the state; and

6 (B) Do not participate in distance education.

7
8 SECTION 37. Arkansas Code § 6-51-605 is amended to read as follows:

9 6-51-605. ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Authority of Division
10 of Higher Education.

11 (a)(1)(A) ~~The Governor shall appoint a State Board of Private Career~~
12 ~~Education of seven (7) members who shall serve for terms of seven (7) years.~~

13 (B) ~~The Governor shall make appointments or reappointments~~
14 ~~to the board to provide membership of three (3) persons associated with~~
15 ~~schools and four (4) persons from the general public.~~

16 (2) ~~The Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education and the~~
17 ~~Director of the Division of Career and Technical Education or their designees~~
18 ~~shall serve as nonvoting, ex officio members of the board.~~

19 (b)(1) ~~The board may elect the necessary officers, acting by and~~
20 ~~through the Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education.~~

21 (2) The Division of Higher Education shall have the sole
22 authority to:

23 (A)(1) Approve all schools offering programs of study
24 leading to or enhancing an occupational objective;

25 (B) ~~Administer and enforce this subchapter;~~ and

26 (C)(2) Issue licenses to schools that have met the
27 standards ~~set forth for the purposes of this subchapter~~ established by the
28 Division of Higher Education, including without limitation ~~programs;~~

29 (A) Programs of study, ~~adequate;~~

30 (B) Adequate facilities, ~~financial;~~

31 (C) Financial stability, ~~qualified;~~

32 (D) Qualified personnel, ~~and legitimate;~~ and

33 (E) Legitimate operating practices.

34 (e)(b) Upon approval by the Division of Higher Education, any such
35 school may issue certificates or diplomas.

36 (d)(c) The Division of Higher Education shall:

1 (1) ~~Formulate the~~ Establish criteria and the standards ~~evolved~~
2 for the approval of ~~such~~ licensed schools;

3 (2) Provide for adequate investigation of all schools applying
4 for a license;

5 (3) Issue licenses to those applicants meeting the standards
6 ~~fixed~~ established by the Division of Higher Education; and

7 (4) Maintain a list of schools approved under ~~the provisions of~~
8 this subchapter.

9 ~~(e) The Division of Higher Education shall formulate the standards~~
10 ~~evolved under this subchapter for the approval of admissions representatives~~
11 ~~of such licensed schools and issue licenses to those applicants meeting the~~
12 ~~standards fixed by the Division of Higher Education.~~

13 ~~(f)(d)~~ In consultation with the board, the The Division of Higher
14 Education shall may promulgate standards and rules to be prescribed for the
15 administration of this subchapter and the management and operation of the
16 schools and admissions representatives, subject to the provisions of
17 implement this subchapter.

18 ~~(g)(e)~~ The Division of Higher Education shall ~~participate in the~~
19 administer hearings before the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board
20 for provided to schools and admissions representatives ~~in cases of~~ facing
21 revocation or denial of licensure.

22 ~~(h) Official meetings of the board may be called by the Chair of the~~
23 ~~State Board of Private Career Education as necessary, but meetings shall be~~
24 ~~held at least four (4) times a year.~~

25 ~~(i) A majority of favorable votes by the board members at an official~~
26 ~~meeting is required for adoption of a recommendation.~~

27 ~~(j) Board members may be reimbursed for expenses in accordance with §~~
28 ~~25-16-901 and stipends according to § 25-16-903.~~

29 ~~(k) The board may adopt and use a seal, which may be used for the~~
30 ~~authentication of the recommendations of the board.~~

31 ~~(l)(1)(f)(1)~~ The Division of Higher Education shall annually require
32 background investigations for all partners or shareholders with ten percent
33 (10%) or more ownership interest in a school when the school seeks an
34 original license.

35 (2) The Division of Higher Education may establish a schedule
36 for periodic background checks for partners or shareholders with ten percent

1 (10%) or more ownership interest in a school when seeking renewal of a school
2 license.

3 ~~(m)(1)(g)(1)~~ The partners or shareholders shall apply to the
4 Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police for a state
5 and national criminal background check to be conducted by the Federal Bureau
6 of Investigation.

7 (2) The check shall conform to the applicable federal standards
8 and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

9 (3) The applicant shall sign a release of information to the
10 board and shall be responsible to the Division of Arkansas State Police for
11 the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background check.

12 (4) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the
13 Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police shall forward
14 to the Division of Higher Education all information obtained concerning the
15 person in the commission of any offense listed in § 6-51-606(g)(3).

16 (5)(A) The Division of Higher Education may issue a nonrenewable
17 temporary license pending the results of the criminal background check.

18 (B) The temporary license shall be valid for no more than
19 six (6) months.

20 (C) Upon receipt of information from the Identification
21 Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police that only one (1) of the
22 partners or shareholders of the school holding the license has been convicted
23 of any offense listed in § 6-51-606(g)(3), the Division of Higher Education
24 shall revoke the license.

25 ~~(n)(1)(h)(1)~~ ~~The provisions of~~ Licensure revocation under § 6-51-
26 606(g) may be waived by the Division of Higher Education upon the request of:

27 (A) An affected applicant for licensure; or

28 (B) The partners or shareholders of a school holding a
29 license subject to revocation.

30 (2) Circumstances for which a waiver may be granted shall
31 include, ~~but not be limited to,~~ without limitation the following:

32 (A) The age at which the crime was committed;

33 (B) The circumstances surrounding the crime;

34 (C) The length of time since the crime;

35 (D) Subsequent work history;

36 (E) Employment references;

1 (F) Character references; and
2 (G) Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does
3 not pose a threat.

4 ~~(e)-(1)~~(i)(1) Any information received by the Division of Higher
5 Education from the Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State
6 Police under this section shall not be available for examination except by:

7 (A) The affected applicant for licensure or his or her
8 authorized representative; or

9 (B) The person whose license is subject to revocation or
10 his or her authorized representative.

11 (2) No record, file, or document shall be removed from the
12 custody of the Division of Arkansas State Police.

13 ~~(p)~~(j) Any information made available to the affected applicant for
14 licensure or the person whose license is subject to revocation shall be
15 information pertaining to that person only.

16 ~~(q)~~(k) Rights of privilege and confidentiality established in this
17 section shall not extend to any document created for purposes other than the
18 background check required by this section.

19 ~~(r) In consultation with the board, the Division of Higher Education~~
20 ~~shall adopt the necessary rules to fully implement the provisions of this~~
21 ~~section.~~

22
23 SECTION 38. Arkansas Code § 6-51-606 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-51-606. School license generally.

25 (a) No persons shall operate, conduct, maintain, or offer to operate
26 in ~~this state~~ Arkansas a school as defined in this subchapter, or solicit the
27 enrollment of students residing in ~~the state~~ Arkansas, unless a license is
28 first secured from the Division of Higher Education ~~issued in accordance with~~
29 ~~the provisions of this subchapter and the rules promulgated by the division~~
30 ~~in consultation with the State Board of Private Career Education.~~

31 ~~(b)(1) Application~~ An application for a license shall be ~~filed in the~~
32 ~~manner and upon the forms prescribed and furnished by the division for that~~
33 ~~purpose~~ signed and include all required information as prescribed by the
34 division.

35 ~~(2) The application shall be signed by the applicant and~~
36 ~~properly verified and shall contain such information as may apply to the type~~

1 ~~and kind of school, satellite school, or extension course site for which a~~
2 ~~license is sought.~~

3 (c)(1) A license issued shall be restricted to the programs of study
4 specifically indicated in the application ~~for a license.~~

5 (2) The holder of a license shall present a supplementary
6 application for approval of additional programs of study.

7 (d) The license shall remain the property of the State of Arkansas and
8 shall be returned to the division upon cause.

9 (e) After a license is issued to any school by the division ~~on the~~
10 ~~basis of its application~~, it shall be the responsibility of the school to
11 notify the division immediately ~~the division~~ of any changes in the ownership,
12 administration, location, faculty, or programs of study ~~on the forms and in~~
13 ~~the manner prescribed by the division.~~

14 (f)(1) In the event of the sale of such school, the license granted to
15 the original owner or operators shall not be transferable to the new
16 ownership or operators, ~~but.~~

17 (2) An application for a new license ~~must~~ shall be made and
18 approved before the new ownership's taking over operation of the school.

19 (g) The division shall have the power to deny issuing a new or renewal
20 license, to revoke an existing license, or to place a licensee on probation,
21 if in its discretion it determines that:

22 (1) The licensee has violated any of the provisions of this
23 subchapter or any of the rules of the division;

24 (2) The applicant or licensee has knowingly presented to the
25 division incomplete or misleading information relating to licensure;

26 (3) The applicant or licensee has pleaded guilty, entered a plea
27 of nolo contendere, or has been found guilty in a criminal proceeding,
28 regardless of whether or not the adjudication of guilt or sentence is
29 withheld, deferred, or suspended by a court of ~~this state~~ Arkansas, another
30 state, or the United States Government, of:

31 (A) Any felony; or

32 (B) Any act involving moral turpitude, gross immorality,
33 or which is related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a
34 licensee;

35 (4) The applicant or licensee has intentionally failed or
36 refused to permit the division ~~or its representatives~~ to inspect the school

1 or classes or has intentionally failed or refused to make available to the
2 division, ~~at any time~~ when requested to do so, full information pertaining to
3 any or all items of information contained in an application for license or
4 pertaining to the operation of the school;

5 (5) The applicant has failed or refused to submit to the
6 division an application for license or renewal ~~in the manner and on the forms~~
7 ~~prescribed~~;

8 (6) A licensed admissions representative has failed or refused
9 to display or produce his or her license when requested to do so by
10 prospective students or ~~designated officials of~~ the division;

11 (7) The applicant or licensee has failed to provide or maintain
12 premises, equipment, materials, supplies, or conditions in accordance with
13 minimum standards as established by rules;

14 (8) The licensee has been found by the division or a court of
15 law to have perpetrated fraud or deceit in advertising of the school or
16 programs of study or in presenting to prospective students information
17 relating to the school, programs of study, employment opportunities, or
18 opportunities for enrollment in institutions of higher education;

19 (9) The licensee has in its employ any admissions
20 representatives who have not been licensed but are actively engaged in the
21 practice of attempting to enroll students;

22 (10) The licensee has failed to provide and maintain standards
23 of instruction or qualified administrative, supervisory, or instructional
24 staff as established by rules;

25 (11) The applicant or licensee is unable to provide and maintain
26 financial resources in sufficient amount to equip and maintain the school or
27 classes;

28 (12) The licensee has moved the school into new premises or
29 facilities without first notifying the division;

30 (13) The licensee has offered training or instruction in
31 programs of study which have not been approved and authorized in accordance
32 with rules;

33 (14) A licensed admissions representative has solicited
34 prospective students to enroll in a school which has not been licensed by the
35 division or which is not listed on his or her license;

36 (15) There was a change in the ownership of the school without

1 proper notification to and approval from the division;

2 (16) The licensee has failed to notify the division or to
3 provide written documentation as to the cause that the license of a school
4 has been suspended or revoked or the school has been placed on probation or a
5 show cause issued in another state or by another regulatory agency;

6 (17) The licensee has failed to notify the division of legal
7 actions initiated by or against the school; or

8 (18) The licensee fails to make tuition refunds to the students
9 or their lenders in compliance with current rules.

10 (h) The division shall have the power to revoke a license if in its
11 discretion it determines that:

12 (1) The licensee has failed to cure a deficiency leading to a
13 license probation within the time as may be reasonably prescribed by the
14 division;

15 (2) The licensee while on probation has been found by the
16 division to have incurred an additional infraction of this subchapter; or

17 (3) The licensee has closed a school without first having
18 completed the training of all students currently enrolled or having made
19 tuition refunds to students or their lenders.

20 (i) The division may impose sanctions under § 25-15-217.

21 (j)(1) Unless directed to do so by court order, the division shall
22 not, for a period of five (5) years following revocation, reinstate the
23 license of a school or allow an owner of any such school to seek licensure of
24 another school.

25 (2) Upon expiration of licensure status, the school must apply
26 for an original license in accordance with the provisions of this subchapter.

27 (k)(1) Upon closure of a school located in Arkansas and licensed under
28 any provision of this subchapter, whether for license revocation or any other
29 cause, all student financial aid records for the previous three (3) years and
30 all student transcripts regardless of age must be delivered to the division.

31 (2) Delivered records shall be arranged in alphabetical order
32 and stored in boxes or in data format at the discretion of the division.

33 (3) The division shall be responsible for the proper security,
34 storage, and maintenance of all such records.

35
36 SECTION 39. Arkansas Code § 6-51-607(a)(1), concerning the payment of

1 annual fees by a private resident and correspondence school, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (a)(1) Each school licensed under this subchapter shall pay annually a
4 fee to be set by the Division of Higher Education in consultation with the
5 ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~ Arkansas Higher Education
6 Coordinating Board.

7
8 SECTION 40. Arkansas Code § 6-51-609(k), concerning the promulgation
9 of rules related to private resident and correspondence schools, is repealed.

10 ~~(k) In consultation with the State Board of Private Career Education,~~
11 ~~the Division of Higher Education shall adopt the necessary rules to fully~~
12 ~~implement the provisions of this section.~~

13
14 SECTION 41. Arkansas Code § 6-51-610(a), concerning fees related to
15 private resident and correspondence schools, is amended to read as follows:

16 (a) In consultation with the ~~State Board of Private Career Education~~
17 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Division of Higher
18 Education shall set fees for schools and admissions representatives.

19
20 SECTION 42. Arkansas Code § 6-51-616 is amended to read as follows:

21 6-51-616. Student grievance procedure.

22 (a) Any student may file a written complaint with the Division of
23 Higher Education ~~on the forms prescribed and furnished by the division for~~
24 ~~that purpose~~ if the student has reason to believe he or she is suffering loss
25 or damage resulting from:

26 (1) The failure of a school to perform agreements made with the
27 student; or

28 (2) An admissions representative's misrepresentations in
29 enrolling the student.

30 (b)(1) All complaints shall be investigated, and attempts shall be
31 made to resolve them informally.

32 (2) If an informal resolution cannot be achieved, the aggrieved
33 party may request a formal hearing to be held before the ~~State Board of~~
34 ~~Private Career Education~~ Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

35 (c) The aggrieved party may not pursue resolution before the board if
36 legal action has been filed.

1 (d) The request for a hearing shall be in writing and filed with the
2 ~~director~~ division within one (1) year of completion of, or withdrawal from,
3 the school.

4 (e) The written request for a hearing shall name the parties involved
5 and specific facts giving rise to the dispute.

6 (f) The ruling of the board shall be binding upon the parties.
7

8 SECTION 43. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 6-51-617(a),
9 concerning dispute resolution by the State Board of Private Career Education,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 (a) ~~The State Board of Private Career Education~~ Arkansas Higher
12 Education Coordinating Board shall represent the sole authority to resolve
13 disputes between a student and a school as to grievances relating to:
14

15 SECTION 44. Arkansas Code § 6-51-621 is repealed.

16 ~~6-51-621. Construction of subchapter.~~

17 ~~Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to affect the~~
18 ~~responsibilities of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board as~~
19 ~~defined in § 6-61-301.~~
20

21 SECTION 45. Arkansas Code § 6-51-622(d), concerning rules related to
22 noncommercial driver training instructions, is repealed.

23 ~~(d)(1) In consultation with the State Board of Private Career~~
24 ~~Education, the Division of Higher Education may promulgate reasonable rules~~
25 ~~to implement, enforce, and administer this section.~~

26 ~~(2) The rules of the division shall be issued in accordance with~~
27 ~~the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.~~
28

29 SECTION 46. Arkansas Code § 6-53-203(a), concerning powers and duties
30 of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board related to the technical
31 and community college system, is amended to add an additional subdivision to
32 read as follows:

33 (10) Promulgate rules to implement this chapter.
34

35 SECTION 47. Arkansas Code § 6-60-1504 is amended to read as follows:
36 6-60-1504. Limitations.

1 (a) Nothing in this subchapter shall be interpreted as:

2 (1) Giving a member of the campus community the right to disrupt
3 a previously scheduled or otherwise reserved activity;

4 (2) Authorizing a member of the campus community to disregard a
5 policy of the state-supported institution of higher education regarding:

6 (A) Compliance with state and federal laws on
7 discrimination and harassment; or

8 (B) The productive and efficient operation of an
9 instructional or work environment;

10 (3) Preventing a state-supported institution of higher education
11 from prohibiting, limiting, or restricting expression that is not protected
12 under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution or Article 2, §
13 6, of the Arkansas Constitution; or

14 (4) Prohibiting a state-supported institution of higher
15 education from imposing a restriction on the time, place, or manner of
16 expression in or on a campus forum, provided the restriction on the time,
17 place, or manner of expression:

18 (A) Is reasonable;

19 (B) Is justified without reference to the viewpoint of the
20 speaker;

21 (C) Is narrowly tailored to serve a significant state
22 interest; and

23 (D) Leaves open ample alternative channels for
24 communication of the information or message contained in the expression.

25 (b) A state-supported institution of higher education shall not grant
26 excused absences for:

27 (1) Purposes of political protest;

28 (2) Social or public policy advocacy; or

29 (3) Attempts to influence legislation or other governmental
30 policymaking at the local, state, or federal level.

31 (c) Academic standards, teaching standards, education standards,
32 curriculum, teacher professional development, and rules in a state-supported
33 institution of higher education shall not authorize student walkouts for
34 purposes of:

35 (1) Political protest;

36 (2) Social or public policy advocacy; or

1 (3) Attempts to influence legislation or other governmental
2 policymaking at the local, state, or federal level.

3 (d) This section shall not be construed to prohibit students from
4 attending curricular or co-curricular activities approved by the state-
5 supported institution of higher education.

6 (e)(1) A student who negligently or intentionally causes damages to
7 the property of a state-supported institution of higher education while
8 engaging in a political protest or public policy advocacy shall be liable to
9 the state-supported institution of higher education for damages caused by the
10 student.

11 (2) A state-supported institution of higher education may seek
12 to recover damages described in subdivision (e)(1) of this section in a court
13 of competent jurisdiction.

14 (3) A student of a state-supported institution of higher
15 education who has been found liable for damages described in subdivision
16 (e)(1) of this section shall be subject to the following penalties until the
17 judgment is fully satisfied:

18 (A) The student shall be ineligible to receive a degree or
19 credential from the state-supported institution of higher education; and

20 (B) The state-supported institution of higher education
21 shall not transfer or otherwise endorse credit issued by the state-supported
22 institution of higher education for the purposes of satisfying degree
23 requirements at any other state-supported institution of higher education.

24
25 SECTION 48. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, is amended to add
26 additional subchapters to read as follows:

27 Subchapter 16 – Rejecting Discrimination and Indoctrination in Postsecondary
28 Education

29
30 6-60-1601. Legislative findings.

31 The General Assembly recognizes that:

32 (1) The First Amendment of the United States Constitution
33 robustly protects the right to speak without government interference, but not
34 to compel others to adopt, affirm, or adhere to specific beliefs;

35 (2) The Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution
36 provides that no state shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction the

1 equal protection of the law;

2 (3) Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 promotes the
3 desegregation of public schools and authorizes the United States Attorney
4 General to file lawsuits to enforce the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of
5 1964. It defines "desegregation" as "the assignment of students to public
6 schools and within such schools without regard to their race, color,
7 religion, or national origin," thereby removing government-sanctioned racial
8 discrimination in schools and implementing the United States Supreme Court's
9 holding in "Brown v. Board of Education", 347 U.S. 483 (1954), that racial
10 separation is a violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth
11 Amendment; and

12 (4) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states that "No
13 person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national
14 origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be
15 subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal
16 financial assistance".

17
18 6-60-1602. Purpose.

19 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that administrators,
20 faculty, and other employees of a state-supported institution of higher
21 education maintain nondiscriminatory policies in accordance with Title IV,
22 Title VI, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

23 (b) This subchapter is enacted to:

- 24 (1) Prevent discrimination;
25 (2) Promote the intellectual development of students and faculty
26 in Arkansas; and
27 (3) Protect the free exchange of ideas according to the United
28 States Constitution and the Arkansas Constitution.

29
30 6-60-1603. Definitions.

31 As used in this subchapter:

- 32 (1) "Accreditation" means the status of public recognition that
33 an accrediting agency grants to an educational institution;
34 (2) "Accrediting agency" means a legal entity or part of a legal
35 entity that:
36 (A) Conducts accrediting activities; and

1 (B) Makes decisions about the accreditation or pre-
2 accreditation status of educational institutions;

3 (3) "Affirm, adopt, or adhere to" includes communicative speech
4 or act or action, including without limitation:

5 (A) Engaging in symbolic speech;

6 (B) Holding signs;

7 (C) Raising hands;

8 (D) Signing a pledge; or

9 (E) Participating in a parade, "privilege walk", or
10 racially segregated activity of any sort;

11 (4) "Compel" means:

12 (A) Causing or pressuring an individual to perform an act
13 or action against his or her will; or

14 (B) Retaliating against an individual who declines to
15 perform an act against his or her will;

16 (5) "Diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative" or "DEI"
17 means:

18 (A) An office, division, department, or administrative
19 provider of a unit of study at a state-supported institution of higher
20 education with the purpose of:

21 (i) Influencing academic, administrative, hiring, or
22 employment practices at the state-supported institution of higher education;

23 (ii) Promoting:

24 (a) Preferences based upon race, color, sex,
25 ethnicity, or national origin;

26 (b) Differential treatment on the basis of
27 race, color, sex, ethnicity, or national origin; or

28 (c) Political or social activism to consider
29 race, color, sex, ethnicity, or national origin as factors in decision-
30 making, except where required by federal or state law; or

31 (iii) Any promotion described in subdivision
32 (5)(A)(ii) of this section that conflicts with state and federal
33 antidiscrimination laws; or

34 (B) Any program, activity, applicant statement, or
35 training described in § 6-60-1604 that promotes an activity described in
36 subdivision (5)(A)(ii) of this section;

1 (6) "State-supported institution of higher education" means a
2 public postsecondary institution or a department in a public postsecondary
3 institution that:

4 (A) Provides:

5 (i) An eligible program of training to prepare
6 students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation; or

7 (ii) A program leading to a baccalaureate degree or
8 a graduate degree; and

9 (B) Is accredited by a recognized accrediting agency or
10 association and has continuously held the accreditation for the number of
11 years required by the Division of Higher Education; and

12 (7) "Unit of study" means a class, single component, or subject
13 offered by a state-supported institution of higher education for the
14 completion of a degree or that leads to a postsecondary award, including
15 academic credit, or for the purposes of auditing a class.

16
17 6-60-1604. Prohibitions.

18 (a) An officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, or contractor
19 of a state-supported institution of higher education shall not compel another
20 officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, contractor, or student of
21 the state-supported institution of higher education to personally affirm,
22 adopt, or adhere to ideas or beliefs in violation of Title IV, Title VI, or
23 Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, including without limitation:

24 (1) That an individual should be adversely or advantageously
25 treated on the basis of his or her race, ethnicity, sex, color, or national
26 origin; and

27 (2) That an individual student of a state-supported institution
28 of higher education or group of students of a state-supported institution of
29 higher education, by virtue of their race, ethnicity, sex, color, or national
30 origin, bear collective guilt or are inherently responsible for actions
31 committed by other members of the same race, ethnicity, sex, color, or
32 national origin.

33 (b) An officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, or contractor
34 of a state-supported institution of higher education shall not adversely or
35 advantageously treat students of the state-supported institution of higher
36 education differently on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, color, or

1 national origin except to the extent otherwise allowed by federal law.

2 (c)(1) An officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, or
3 contractor of a state-supported institution of higher education, when acting
4 in the course of his or her official duties, shall not organize, participate
5 in, or carry out any act or communication that would violate subsection (a)
6 of this section.

7 (2) The prohibition under subdivision (c)(1) of this section
8 shall not be construed to prohibit an employee of a state-supported
9 institution of higher education from:

10 (A) Discussing the ideas and history of the concepts
11 described in subsection (a) of this section for legitimate educational,
12 andragogical, or pedagogical purposes consistent with this subchapter; and

13 (B) Using methods of communication not in violation of
14 this subchapter.

15 (d) An officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, or contractor
16 of a state-supported institution of higher education may not condition
17 enrollment in or attendance of a class, training, or orientation of the
18 state-supported institution of higher education:

19 (1) On the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, color, or national
20 origin where not required by federal law; or

21 (2) On requiring an individual to personally affirm, adopt, or
22 adhere to a political, philosophical, religious, or other ideological
23 viewpoint.

24 (e) An officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, or contractor
25 of a state-supported institution of higher education shall not compel another
26 officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, contractor, or student of
27 the state-supported institution of higher education to personally affirm,
28 adopt, or adhere to a political, philosophical, religious, or other
29 ideological viewpoint.

30 (f) A state-supported institution of higher education shall not:

31 (1) Collect and report information related to DEI for
32 institutional accreditation purposes;

33 (2) Comply with any institutional accreditation requirement
34 related to DEI, including without limitation the requirement of a diversity
35 statement from a state-supported institution of higher education or any
36 employee or contractor of a state-supported institution of higher education;

1 or

2 (3) Comply with any institutional accreditation requirement of
3 an accrediting agency that would require the state-supported institution of
4 higher education to violate this subchapter.

5 (g)(1) This subchapter does not prohibit officers, agents,
6 administrators, employees, teachers, contractors, or students of a state-
7 supported institution of higher education from discussing public policy
8 issues or ideas that individuals may find unwelcome, disagreeable, or
9 offensive.

10 (2) It is the policy of this state that a state-supported
11 institution of higher education educates students of the state-supported
12 institution of higher education on how to think and not what to think.

13 (h)(1) Upon the president or chancellor of a state-supported
14 institution of higher education receiving notice from the Attorney General of
15 a violation of this section, a state-supported institution of higher
16 education that does not immediately make all reasonable efforts to resolve
17 the violation of this section shall demonstrate compliance with all
18 requirements of this section within a reasonable time.

19 (2)(A) A state-supported institution of higher education that
20 fails to demonstrate compliance with all requirements of this section within
21 a reasonable time as required under subdivision (h)(1) of this section shall
22 not be eligible for state funding under the state higher education funding
23 formula.

24 (B) In order to regain eligibility for receipt of state
25 funding, a state-supported institution of higher education shall demonstrate
26 compliance with all requirements of this section for not less than one (1)
27 fiscal year after the fiscal year in which the state-supported institution of
28 higher education became ineligible for receipt of state funding.

29 (i) A state-supported institution of higher education shall not expend
30 any state funds and shall reject any federal funds whose receipt requires the
31 state-supported institution of higher education to violate this subchapter.

32 (j) This subchapter shall not be construed to prevent compliance with
33 any state or federal civil rights laws that do not depend on receipt of state
34 or federal funding.

35 (k) A state-supported institution of higher education shall not
36 require a current or prospective officer, agent, administrator, employee,

1 teacher, contractor, or student of the state-supported institution of higher
2 education to submit a statement or diversity statement describing his or her
3 views on matters related to race, ethnicity, sex, color, or national origin
4 to be considered for the purposes of hiring, evaluating, admitting, or
5 promoting the officer, agent, administrator, employee, teacher, contractor,
6 or student of the state-supported institution of higher education.

7 (l) This subchapter does not prohibit a state-supported institution of
8 higher education from directing recruitment, advertisement, or promotion
9 efforts to a specific population of prospective or existing students.

10 (m) This subchapter may be enforced by the Attorney General on behalf
11 of the state.

12
13 Subchapter 17 – Arkansas Direct Admissions Program

14
15 6-60-1701 Title.

16 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Arkansas Direct
17 Admissions Program Act”.

18
19 6-60-1702. Definitions.

20 As used in this subchapter:

21 (1) “Application requirements” means the forms, payments, or
22 activities that are required to be completed by a student to apply to a
23 state-supported institution of higher education as set by each participating
24 institution;

25 (2) “Eligible student” means a student who resides in Arkansas
26 and attends a public or private accredited high school that has agreed to
27 participate in the Arkansas Direct Admissions Program;

28 (3) “Enrollment requirements” means the forms, payments, or
29 activities that are required to be completed by a student to enroll in a
30 state-supported institution of higher education as set by each participating
31 institution;

32 (4) “Participating institution” means a state-supported
33 institution of higher education, community college, or technical college
34 within Arkansas that uses the Arkansas Direct Admissions Program;

35 (5) “Participating public school” means:

36 (A) A public high school within a traditional public

1 school district that is accredited by the State Board of Education;

2 (B) An open-enrollment public charter school organized as
3 a high school that is authorized by the charter authorizing panel; and

4 (C) A private high school that is accredited by:

5 (i) The Arkansas Nonpublic School Accrediting
6 Association, Inc., or its successor; or

7 (ii) Another accrediting association recognized by
8 the state board;

9 (6) "Provisional admissions criteria" means the minimum academic
10 requirements that a student is required to meet to receive a provisional
11 admissions offer from a participating institution; and

12 (7)(A) "Provisional admissions offer" means a determination that
13 a student meets admissions criteria.

14 (B) "Provisional admissions offer" does not mean
15 acceptance to a participating institution.

16
17 § 6-60-1703. Arkansas Direct Admissions Program.

18 (a) There is established the Arkansas Direct Admissions Program.

19 (b) The program shall:

20 (1) Begin implementation with the high school graduating class
21 of 2026-2027;

22 (2) Establish:

23 (A) Provisional admissions criteria, including without
24 limitation:

25 (i) Grade point average;

26 (ii) Assessment scores; and

27 (iii) Course completion;

28 (B) Eligibility requirements for participating
29 institutions that include without limitation:

30 (i) Application requirements; and

31 (ii) Enrollment requirements; and

32 (C) Eligibility requirements for participating public
33 schools;

34 (3) Require the collection of student academic information to
35 determine provisional admissions offers;

36 (4) Include a common application portal for eligible students to

1 participate in the program that may include without limitation:

2 (A) Information about participating institutions;

3 (B) Communication of provisional admissions offers to
4 participating students; and

5 (C) Information about available financial aid; and

6 (5) Include a plan to conduct outreach to eligible students to
7 provide the eligible students with information regarding the operation of the
8 program.

9 (c) This section shall not prevent a student who does not qualify for
10 a provisional admissions offer from applying for enrollment in a
11 participating institution through the participating institution's existing
12 admissions process.

13 (d) The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to implement
14 this subchapter.

15
16 § 6-60-1704. Duties of public school districts and open-enrollment
17 public charter schools.

18 (a) A public school district or open-enrollment public charter school
19 may opt to participate in the Arkansas Direct Admissions Program.

20 (b) A participating public school shall provide student data to the
21 Division of Higher Education that includes without limitation:

22 (1) Grade point average;

23 (2) Assessment scores; and

24 (3) Course completion.

25 (c)(1) Each public school district and open-enrollment public charter
26 school shall inform all students about participation in the Arkansas Direct
27 Admissions Program.

28 (2) A public school district or open-enrollment public charter
29 school shall not actively discourage or prohibit an eligible student from
30 participating in the Arkansas Direct Admissions Program.

31
32 SECTION 49. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 61, Subchapter 1, is
33 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

34 § 6-61-144. Purple Star Campuses.

35 (a) A state-supported institution of higher education that shows a
36 significant commitment to serving students and families connected to the

1 United States Armed Forces may be designated as a Purple Star Campus.

2 (b) The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to implement
3 this section.

4
5 SECTION 50. Arkansas Code § 6-61-201(a)-(c), concerning membership of
6 the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, are amended to read as
7 follows:

8 (a)(1) The Beginning May 1, 2025, the Arkansas Higher Education
9 Coordinating Board shall consist of ~~twelve (12)~~ seven (7) members appointed
10 by the Governor as follows:

11 (A)(i) ~~Six (6)~~ Four (4) members who shall be:

12 (a) Qualified electors of the State of
13 Arkansas; and

14 (b) Graduates of ~~public~~ two-year or four-year
15 state-supported institutions of higher education within the state.

16 (ii) If an appointee under this subdivision (a)(1)(A)
17 is serving as a member of a board of a two-year or four-year state-supported
18 institution of higher education at the time of appointment to the Arkansas
19 Higher Education Coordinating Board, the appointee shall relinquish his or
20 her membership on the board of the two-year or four-year state-supported
21 institution of higher education; and

22 (B)(i) ~~Six (6)~~ Three (3) members shall be selected from
23 business, industry, education, agriculturally related industry, and medical
24 services and shall not be current members of a board of a ~~public~~ two-year or
25 four-year state-supported institution of higher education.

26 (ii) At least one (1) of the appointees shall have a
27 strong interest in and commitment to economic and workforce development.

28 (iii) At least one (1) of the appointees shall have
29 experience in the knowledge-based technology field.

30 (2) No more than ~~four (4)~~ two (2) members of the Arkansas Higher
31 Education Coordinating Board shall be appointed from any one (1)
32 congressional district as the districts exist at the time of the appointment.

33 (b) Vacancies on the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board
34 shall be filled for the unexpired terms, and the appointments shall be made
35 in the same manner as the positions vacated.

36 (c)~~(1)~~ The members of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board

1 shall serve staggered terms of six (6) years.

2 ~~(2) The terms of two (2) members shall expire each year.~~

3
4 SECTION 51. Arkansas Code § 6-61-202(a), concerning powers and duties
5 of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, is amended to add
6 additional subdivisions to read as follows:

7 (8) Perform all other functions that may now or hereafter be
8 delegated to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board by law; and

9 (9) Promulgate rules to perform all duties and obligations to
10 implement this subchapter.

11
12 SECTION 52. Arkansas Code § 6-61-231(b)(1), concerning the purpose of
13 the statewide transfer agreement, is amended to read as follows:

14 (b)(1) The purpose of this section is to eliminate obstacles to
15 transfers of credits among ~~public~~ state-supported institutions of higher
16 education in Arkansas by providing a seamless transfer of academic credits
17 from a completed designated transfer degree program or a completed state
18 minimum core curriculum to a baccalaureate degree program without the loss of
19 earned credits and without the receiving ~~public~~ state-supported institution
20 of higher education requiring additional lower-division ~~general education~~
21 credits.

22
23 SECTION 53. Arkansas Code § 6-61-231(c), concerning the statewide
24 transfer agreement developed by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating
25 Board, is amended to add an additional subdivision read as follows:

26 (6)(A) Provides for a reverse transfer agreement for a student
27 seeking an associate degree that transfers to a four-year state-supported
28 institution of higher education before earning an associate degree.

29 (B)(i) Except as provided in subsection (c)(6)(B)(ii), a
30 student shall be awarded an associate degree by the two-year state-supported
31 institution of higher education upon completing the degree requirements at
32 the four-year state-supported institution of higher education if the student
33 earned more than thirty (30) credit hours toward the associate degree at the
34 two-year state-supported institution of higher education.

35 (ii) A student eligible to receive an associate
36 degree under subdivision (c)(6)(B)(i) of this section shall be:

1 (a) Notified in writing by the state-supported
2 institution of higher education awarding the associate degree that the
3 student is eligible to receive an associate degree;

4 (b) Provided an opportunity to decline the
5 award of the associate degree;

6 (c) Awarded the associate degree if the
7 student takes no action within thirty (30) days of being provided notice
8 under subdivision (c)(6)(B)(ii)(a) of this section; and

9 (d) Awarded the associate degree by the four-
10 year state-supported institution of higher education if the student elects to
11 be awarded the associate degree by the four-year state-supported institution
12 of higher education upon completion of the degree requirements.

13 (C)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(6)(B)(ii)(d),
14 a four-year state-supported institution of higher education shall:

15 (a) Identify each student who has completed at
16 least sixty (60) hours of academic credit and met the state core curriculum
17 requirements; and

18 (b) Forward a copy of the student's transcript
19 to the two-year state-supported institution of higher education.

20 (ii) If a student attended more than one (1) two-
21 year state-supported institution of higher education, the student's
22 transcript shall be sent to the two-year state-supported institution of
23 higher education that provided the largest number of credit hours.

24 (iii) The two-year state-supported institution of
25 higher education shall notify the four-year state-supported institution of
26 higher education if the associate degree has been conferred.

27 (iv) Upon notification, the four-year state-
28 supported institution of higher education is no longer required to forward
29 subsequent transcripts of the student at the completion of each term.

30
31 SECTION 54. Arkansas Code § 6-61-231(d)(2)(B), concerning the
32 requirement of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board related to
33 the statewide transfer agreement to identify postsecondary career education
34 programs offered by two-year public institutions of higher education is
35 amended to read as follows:

36 (B) Postsecondary career and technical education programs

1 offered by two-year ~~public~~ state-supported institutions of higher education,
2 including those designated as college-credit courses applicable toward a
3 certificate or degree;

4
5 SECTION 55. Arkansas Code § 6-61-234 is amended to read as follows:

6 6-61-234. Productivity-based funding model.

7 (a)(1)~~(A)~~ ~~The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt~~
8 ~~policies developed by the~~ Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules
9 ~~necessary~~ to implement a productivity-based funding model for state-supported
10 institutions of higher education, including without limitation two-year and
11 four-year state-supported institutions of higher education.

12 ~~(B) The board shall adopt separate policies for two-year~~
13 ~~institutions of higher education and four-year institutions of higher~~
14 ~~education.~~

15 (2) The ~~policies~~ rules adopted to implement a productivity-based
16 funding model for state-supported institutions of higher education shall
17 contain measures for effectiveness, affordability, and efficiency that
18 acknowledge the following priorities:

19 (A) Differences in institutional missions;

20 (B) Completion of students' educational goals;

21 (C) Progression toward students' completion of programs of
22 study;

23 (D) Affordability through:

24 (i) On-time completion of programs of study;

25 (ii) Limiting the number of excess credits earned by
26 students; and

27 (iii) Efficient allocation of resources;

28 (E)(i) Beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year,
29 incorporation of a return on investment metric into the productivity-based
30 funding model.

31 (ii) The return on investment metric under
32 subdivision (a)(2)(E)(i) of this section shall be defined by rule of the
33 Division of Higher Education.

34 (iii) The Division of Higher Education shall ensure
35 that the return on investment metric required under subdivision (a)(2)(E)(i)
36 of this section is aligned with state economic and workforce needs;

1 ~~(E)~~(F) Institutional collaboration that encourages the
2 successful transfer of students;

3 ~~(F)~~(G) Success in serving underrepresented students; and

4 ~~(G)~~(H) Production of students graduating with credentials
5 ~~in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and high-demand fields that~~
6 align with statewide and regional workforce needs.

7 (3)(A) The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to
8 implement a funding formula to support noncredit programs at a state-
9 supported institution of higher education.

10 (B) Funding for a noncredit program may come from the
11 following:

12 (i) General revenues authorized by law; and

13 (ii) Any other funds as provided by law.

14 (C) The Division of Higher Education shall consult with the Governor's
15 Workforce Cabinet during development of the funding formula for the noncredit
16 programs under subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this section.

17 ~~(3)~~(4) The productivity-based funding model shall not determine
18 the funding needs of special units such as a medical school, a division of
19 agriculture, or system offices.

20 (b) The productivity-based funding model shall be:

21 (1) Used to align institutional funding with statewide
22 priorities for higher education by:

23 (A) Encouraging programs and services focused on student
24 success; and

25 (B) Providing incentives for progress toward statewide
26 goals; and

27 (2) Built around a set of shared principles that:

28 (A) Are embraced by state-supported institutions of higher
29 education;

30 (B) Employ appropriate productivity metrics; and

31 (C) Are aligned with goals and objectives for
32 postsecondary education attainment in this state.

33 (c)(1) The ~~board~~ Division of Higher Education shall use the
34 productivity-based funding model as the mechanism for recommending funding
35 for state-supported institutions of higher education.

36 (2) The ~~board~~ Division of Higher Education shall recommend

1 funding for:

2 (A) State-supported institutions of higher education as a
3 whole; and

4 (B) The allocation of funding to each state-supported
5 institution of higher education.

6 (3) The ~~board~~ Division of Higher Education ~~shall~~ may make
7 separate recommendations for:

8 (A) ~~two-year~~ Two-year state-supported institutions of
9 higher education; and

10 (B) ~~four-year~~ Four-year state-supported institutions of
11 higher education.

12 (d) Funds unallocated to state-supported institutions of higher
13 education due to productivity declines shall be reserved by the ~~division~~
14 Division of Higher Education to address statewide needs in higher education.

15 (e) The ~~division~~ Division of Higher Education shall review the
16 policies every five (5) years to ensure the productivity-based funding model
17 continues to respond to the needs and priorities of the state.

18 (f) In any fiscal year for which the aggregate general revenue funding
19 forecast to be available for state-supported institutions of higher education
20 is greater than two percent (2%) less than the amount provided for the
21 immediate previous fiscal year, the division shall not further implement the
22 productivity-based funding model until the following fiscal year.

23
24 SECTION 56. Arkansas Code § 6-61-1010, concerning authority of the
25 Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board under the Technical College and
26 Community College Capital Improvement Act of 1993, is amended to add an
27 additional subsection to read as follows:

28 (f) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board may promulgate
29 rules to implement this subchapter.

30
31 SECTION 57. Arkansas Code § 6-61-1402 is amended to read as follows:
32 6-61-1402. Courses included in common course numbering system.

33 (a)~~(1)~~ The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
34 collaboration with all state-supported institutions of higher education,
35 shall develop and approve a statewide common course numbering system ~~for~~
36 ~~lower-division general education courses found within the Arkansas Course~~

1 ~~Transfer System.~~

2 ~~(2)(b)~~ A state-supported institution of higher education that is
3 not in full compliance with this subchapter shall not be eligible to accept
4 state aid from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account on behalf of a
5 student.

6 ~~(b)(1)~~ A course designated as an upper division course level may be
7 offered by any four year state supported institution of higher education and
8 shall be characterized by a need for advanced academic preparation and skills
9 that a student would be unlikely to achieve without significant prior
10 coursework.

11 ~~(2)~~ Upper division courses are not required to be included in
12 the common course numbering system.

13 ~~(c)~~ A course designated as a lower division course level may be
14 offered by any state supported institution of higher education.

15 ~~(d)~~ The common course numbering system shall include the thirty-five-
16 hour general education core and major program prerequisites that are included
17 in the state minimum core curriculum under § 6-61-231.

18
19 SECTION 58. Arkansas Code § 6-61-1403 is amended to read as follows:
20 6-61-1403. Additions or alterations.

21 ~~(a)~~ The Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education shall
22 recommend to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board any additions
23 or alterations to the common course numbering system.

24 ~~(b)~~ The board, with input from the Presidents Council, shall consider
25 the recommended additions and alterations to the common course numbering
26 system.

27 ~~(c)~~ The board may adopt or refuse to adopt suggested additions or
28 alterations to the common course numbering system.

29 Beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year, the Division of Higher
30 Education, in collaboration with the Division of Elementary and Secondary
31 Education, shall:

32 (1) Make recommendations for additions and alterations to the
33 common course numbering system; and

34 (2) Review the common course numbering system to begin aligning
35 elementary and secondary courses.

SECTION 59. Arkansas Code § 6-61-1406 is amended to read as follows:
6-61-1406. Courses review.

(a) The Division of Higher Education, in consultation with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, shall:

(1) Regularly schedule reviews of ~~courses that are listed in the~~ common course numbering system; and

(2) Establish review procedures; ~~and~~

~~(3) Adopt policies to carry out this section.~~

(b) The Division of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, may promulgate rules to implement this subchapter.

SECTION 60. Arkansas Code § 6-63-104 is amended to read as follows:
6-63-104. Faculty performance review.

(a)(1) The president and chancellor of each state-supported institution of higher education in Arkansas shall work with the campus faculties to develop a framework to review faculty performance, including post-tenure review.

(2)(A) The framework should be used to develop processes and procedures at each state-supported institution to ensure a consistently high level of performance of the faculty at ~~Arkansas's publicly supported institutions~~ a state-supported institution of higher education.

(B) The effects of the review process of faculty performance should include rewarding productive faculty, redirecting faculty efforts to improve or to increase productivity, and correcting instances of substandard performance.

(C) The framework developed by each state-supported institution shall be reported to the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the Joint Interim Oversight Committee on Education Reform, and the Division of Higher Education no later than December 1, ~~1998~~ 2025, and shall be implemented on the respective campuses no later than January 1, ~~2001~~ 2026.

(b)(1) Pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, each state-supported institution of higher education in Arkansas shall conduct a rigorous, consistently applied, annual review of the performance of all full-time faculty members.

1 (2) This review shall include assessments by peers, students,
2 and administrators and shall be utilized to ensure a consistently high level
3 of performance and serve in conjunction with other appropriate information as
4 a basis for decisions on promotion, salary increases, and job tenure. ~~The~~
5 ~~evaluation by students and administrative staff, shall be applicable to all~~
6 ~~teaching faculty, full time, part time, and graduate teaching assistants and~~
7 ~~shall include an assessment of the fluency in English of the faculty member~~
8 ~~or graduate teaching assistant. This review shall not be used to demote a~~
9 ~~tenured faculty member to a nontenured status.~~

10 (3) The review process may result in the following corrective
11 actions:

12 (A) Remedial training;

13 (B) Removal of tenure status; or

14 (C) Any other action permitted by the state-supported
15 institution of higher education's review policy.

16 (4)(A) A state-supported institution of higher education may
17 require an immediate for cause review of a faculty member as described in
18 subsection (f) of this section.

19 (B) A tenured faculty member may appeal a state-supported
20 institution of higher education's performance review decision in accordance
21 with the provisions set by the state-supported institution of higher
22 education in its faculty performance review framework.

23 (C) A state-supported institution of higher education
24 shall provide a tenured faculty member with appropriate due process.

25 (c)(1) ~~Each college and university~~ state-supported institution of
26 higher education shall continually make efforts to identify any English
27 fluency deficiencies of the teaching faculty and shall take reasonable
28 measures to assist deficient faculty members in becoming proficient in
29 English; however, the responsibility of acquiring the level of English
30 proficiency required for the faculty member's teaching, research, or service
31 assignments rests with the faculty member.

32 (2) ~~Each college and university~~ state-supported institution of
33 higher education shall have a process for addressing concerns raised by
34 students concerning language proficiency problems of faculty members.

35 (d)(1) ~~The division~~ A state-supported institution of higher education
36 shall be responsible for monitoring the ~~evaluation~~ performance review process

1 ~~and shall report its findings to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating~~
2 ~~Board and to the Legislative Council by August 1 of each year of all faculty~~
3 ~~members.~~

4 (2) The state-supported institution of higher education shall
5 report by August 1 each year to its governing board the number of:

6 (A) Tenure track positions;
7 (B) Faculty members with current tenure status;
8 (C) Faculty members that initially received tenure status;
9 (D) Faculty members with tenure status in which tenure was
10 reviewed that year; and

11 (E) Faculty members whose tenure status was:
12 (i) Maintained;
13 (ii) Conditionally maintained; and
14 (iii) Revoked.

15 (3) A copy of the report under subdivision (d)(2) of this
16 section shall be provided to the division and the Legislative Council.

17 (e) Each state-supported institution of higher education shall require
18 full-time faculty members of the college of education and related disciplines
19 to work collaboratively with the accredited public schools in this state, and
20 such faculty involvement shall be included as part of the annual review of
21 the faculty as required by subsection (b) of this section.

22 (f) A state-supported institution of higher education may require an
23 immediate review of a faculty member, including a faculty member with tenure,
24 at any time if the state-supported institution of higher education determines
25 that the faculty member has:

26 (1) Exhibited professional incompetence in the performance of
27 his or her mandatory job duties;

28 (2) Continually or repeatedly failed to perform duties or meet
29 professional responsibilities of the faculty member's position;

30 (3) Failed to successfully complete any post-tenure review
31 professional development program;

32 (4) Violated laws or policies of a university system or a state-
33 supported institution of higher education that are substantially related to
34 the performance of the faculty member's duties;

35 (5) Been convicted of a crime affecting the fitness of the
36 faculty member to engage in teaching, research, service, outreach, or

1 administration;

2 (6) Engaged in unprofessional conduct that adversely affects the
3 state-supported institution of higher education or the faculty member's
4 performance of duties or meeting of responsibilities;

5 (7) Falsified the faculty member's academic credentials; or

6 (8) Met any other for cause justification as defined in the
7 state-supported institution of higher education's review policy.

8 (g) This section shall not affect the ability of a state-supported
9 institution of higher education to terminate or take other action against a
10 nontenured or at-will faculty member in accordance with the policies of the
11 state-supported institution of higher education.

12 SECTION 61. Arkansas Code § 6-80-105 is amended to read as follows:

13 6-80-105. Student financial aid – Scholarship stacking – Definitions.

14 (a) As used in this section:

15 (1) "Cost of attendance" means the ~~recognized cost of attendance~~
16 ~~of an institution of higher education calculated under rules established by~~
17 ~~the Division of Higher Education~~ amount reported as the cost of attendance by
18 an institution of higher education to the Division of Higher Education
19 through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System;

20 (2) "Federal aid" means scholarships or grants awarded to a
21 student as a result of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid,
22 excluding the Pell Grant;

23 (3) "Other aid" means a scholarship, grant, waiver, or
24 reimbursement for tuition, fees, books, or other cost of attendance, other
25 than federal aid or state aid, provided to a student from a postsecondary
26 institution or a private source;

27 (4) "State aid" means scholarships or grants awarded to a
28 student from public funds, including without limitation the Arkansas Academic
29 Challenge Scholarship under § 6-85-201 et seq., the ~~Division of Higher~~
30 ~~Education~~ division's scholarship and grant programs, state general revenues,
31 tuition, and local tax revenue; and

32 (5)(A) "Student aid package" means federal aid, state aid, and
33 other aid a student receives for postsecondary education expenses.

34 (B) "Student aid package" does not include federal aid,
35 state aid, or other aid received by a student who is:

36 (i) An active member of the United States Armed

1 Forces;

2 (ii) An active member of the National Guard;

3 (iii) A member of the reserve components of the
4 armed forces; or

5 (iv) The spouse of a person under subdivision
6 (a)(5)(B)(i), subdivision (a)(5)(B)(ii), or subdivision (a)(5)(B)(iii) of
7 this section.

8 (b)(1) The federal cost of attendance method shall be used for all
9 students receiving state aid, regardless of whether a student is receiving
10 federal aid.

11 (2)(A) Costs that would not be included in the federal cost of
12 attendance shall not be included in the package for a student who receives
13 state aid.

14 (B) Exceptions to the normal federal cost of attendance
15 allowances as set forth in federal regulations may be included in the cost of
16 attendance calculations.

17 (C) Institutional work study is not included in cost of
18 attendance unless the institutional work study is need-based.

19 (3) A postsecondary institution shall not award state aid in a
20 student aid package in excess of the cost of attendance at the institution
21 where the student enrolls.

22 ~~(2) For the purpose of stacking scholarships in a student's~~
23 ~~student aid package, the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship under § 6-~~
24 ~~85-201 et seq. shall be reduced or returned first.~~

25 (4) A two-year private postsecondary institution of higher
26 education shall not award state aid in a student aid package at a cost
27 greater than any two-year state-supported institution of higher education.

28 (5) A four-year private postsecondary institution of higher
29 education shall not award state aid in a student aid package at a cost
30 greater than any four-year state-supported institution of higher education.

31 (6) An institution of higher education shall award aid in the
32 following order:

33 (A) The Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship;

34 (B) Any other state scholarship program, excluding the
35 Arkansas Future Grant Program, Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program,
36 and Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver Program;

1 (C) The Arkansas Future Grant Program, Arkansas Teacher
2 Academy Scholarship Program, or Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver
3 Program; and

4 (D) Institutional aid.

5 (c) A postsecondary institution shall report to the division, no later
6 than September 30 of each year, the total amount of federal aid, state aid,
7 and other aid a student receives if the student receives an award from a
8 division scholarship or grant program, including the Arkansas Academic
9 Challenge Scholarship under § 6-85-201 et seq.

10 (d)(1) When a student receives a student aid package that includes
11 state aid and the student aid package exceeds the cost of attendance, the
12 postsecondary institution shall repay state aid in the amount exceeding the
13 cost of attendance, ~~starting with state aid received under the Arkansas~~
14 ~~Academic Challenge Scholarship under § 6-85-201 et seq~~ utilizing the stacking
15 order under subdivision (b)(6) of this section.

16 (2) The division shall credit the excess state aid funds to the
17 appropriate division fund or trust account.

18 (e) A student awarded state aid shall disclose all state aid, federal
19 aid, and other aid to:

20 (1) The division if the division awards state aid to the
21 student; and

22 (2) A postsecondary institution that awards state aid or other
23 aid to the student.

24 (f) Except as otherwise provided by federal law, federal aid will be
25 applied before state aid governed by this section.

26
27 SECTION 62. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 80, Subchapter 1, is
28 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 6-80-110. Utilization of the Classic Learning Test.

30 (a) A state-supported institution of higher education shall accept the
31 Classic Learning Test (CLT) examination to the same extent the state-
32 supported institution of higher education accepts the ACT test and the SAT
33 test.

34 (b)(1) Subsection (a) of this section shall apply to admissions
35 criteria and eligibility criteria for state-funded financial assistance
36 programs.

1 (2) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to
2 institutional assistance programs.

3
4 SECTION 63. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 80, is amended to add an
5 additional subchapter to read as follows:

6 Subchapter 2 – Residency Classification for State-funded Scholarships at
7 State-Supported Institutions of Higher Education

8
9 6-80-201. Title.

10 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Residency
11 Classification for State-funded Scholarships at State-Supported Institutions
12 of Higher Education”.

13
14 6-80-202. Residency classification for state-funded scholarships
15 administered by Division of Higher Education.

16 (a)(1) In making decisions about the residency classification or
17 reclassification of a student for state-funded scholarship purposes, unless
18 otherwise specified by statute, a student shall be classified as an in-state
19 resident for state-funded scholarship purposes only if the student:

20 (A) Will graduate or has graduated from an Arkansas public
21 school, private school, or home school within nine (9) months of enrolling in
22 the state-supported institution of higher education; or

23 (B) Established legal residency in Arkansas by:

24 (i) Meeting the requirements of rules promulgated by the
25 Division of Higher Education; and

26 (ii) Being physically present in Arkansas for at least six
27 (6) continuous months with the intent to remain in Arkansas.

28 (2) Mere physical presence in Arkansas is not sufficient to
29 establish residency or demonstrate future intent under subdivision (a)(1)(B)
30 of this section.

31 (3) A student who claims in-state residency for purposes of
32 state-funded scholarship eligibility but receives Free Application for
33 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) verification that he or she is not an in-state
34 resident shall have his or her state-funded scholarship amount reduced or
35 rescinded to reflect the change in residency status.

36 (b) A member of the United States Armed Forces who is stationed in

1 Arkansas under military orders, along with his or her dependents, is entitled
2 to classification as an in-state resident for state-funded scholarship
3 purposes.

4
5 6-80-203. Duties and responsibilities of students.

6 (a)(1) It is the responsibility of each student, at the time of
7 registration, to seek the proper residency classification for state-funded
8 scholarship purposes.

9 (2) A participating state-supported institution of higher
10 education shall have a process for a student to appeal a residency
11 classification for state-funded scholarship purposes.

12 (b)(1) A student who knowingly gives false information to establish
13 residency classification for state-funded scholarship purposes shall be
14 subject to dismissal by the state-supported institution of higher education.

15 (2) An initial classification as an out-of-state student shall
16 not limit the right of a student to be reclassified later as a resident of
17 Arkansas for state-funded scholarship purposes provided that the student can
18 establish proof of legal residence in Arkansas.

19
20 SECTION 64. Arkansas Code § 6-81-604(6), concerning the grade point
21 average required for grant recipients under the Teacher Opportunity Program,
22 is amended to read as follows:

23 (6) Grant recipients shall maintain a cumulative grade point
24 average in their college work of no less than 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or maintain
25 an appropriate equivalent as determined by the Division of Higher Education.

26
27 SECTION 65. Arkansas Code § 6-81-605 is amended to read as follows:

28 6-81-605. Grants – Priority.

29 (a)(1) The first priority for the award of funds under the Teacher
30 Opportunity Program is the award ~~of reimbursements~~ for additional education
31 in:

32 (A) Science, technology, engineering, or mathematics
33 fields;

34 (B) Computer science;

35 (C) Literacy or reading;

36 (D) Prekindergarten education; or

1 (E) Special education.

2 (2) If funds are available after all awards are made under
3 subdivision (a)(1) of this section, then additional ~~reimbursements~~ awards may
4 be made in accordance with the following:

5 (A)(i) A teacher may receive an award if seeking dual
6 licensure in an additional subject area different from the subject area in
7 which the teacher is currently teaching, if he or she does not have a current
8 license for the additional subject area.

9 (ii) The amount of the award and the number of
10 recipients selected by the Division of Higher Education is contingent on the
11 appropriation and availability of funding for that purpose;

12 (B)(i) A student may receive reimbursements up to but not
13 in excess of the cost of his or her student fees, books, and instructional
14 supplies at the public institution of higher education in this state
15 assessing the highest rate of student fees an award that shall not exceed the
16 cost of tuition and fees required to complete six (6) semester credit hours
17 per academic year.

18 (ii) For purposes of award disbursement under
19 subdivision (a)(2)(B)(i) of this section, an academic year begins in the fall
20 semester and runs through the summer semester;

21 ~~(B) The reimbursements made to one (1) student within one~~
22 ~~(1) fiscal year may not exceed the costs associated with six (6) semester~~
23 ~~credit hours or the equivalent of six (6) semester credit hours; and~~

24 (C) All other requirements established by the Division of
25 Higher Education are met.

26 (b)(1) The Division of Higher Education shall determine priorities for
27 ~~awarding reimbursements~~ awards if there are more applicants than funds
28 available.

29 (2) Priorities shall be determined in coordination with the
30 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and shall be based on the
31 needs of the state.

32
33 SECTION 66. Arkansas Code § 6-81-607(3), concerning the definition of
34 "student" under the Teacher Opportunity Program, is amended to add an
35 additional subdivision to read as follows:

36 (F) Any other subject matter as determined by the

1 division.

2
3 SECTION 67. Arkansas Code §§ 6-81-608 and 6-81-609 are repealed.

4 ~~6-81-608. Dual Licensure Incentive Program.~~

5 ~~(a) There is created the Dual Licensure Incentive Program to encourage~~
6 ~~classroom teachers currently employed by school districts in the state to~~
7 ~~return to college to obtain licensure in one (1) or more additional subject~~
8 ~~areas.~~

9 ~~(b) The program shall be administered by the Division of Higher~~
10 ~~Education.~~

11 ~~(c)(1) A classroom teacher returning to college as a student may~~
12 ~~receive a reimbursement not to exceed the cost of student fees, books, and~~
13 ~~instructional supplies.~~

14 ~~(2) The student fee reimbursement amount shall be based on the~~
15 ~~student fees of the state-supported institution of higher education that~~
16 ~~assesses the highest rate of student fees in this state.~~

17 ~~(d) The reimbursement made to a classroom teacher returning to college~~
18 ~~as a student in one (1) fiscal year may not exceed the cost associated with~~
19 ~~six (6) semester credit hours or the equivalent of six (6) semester credit~~
20 ~~hours.~~

21
22 ~~6-81-609. Dual licensure funding.~~

23 ~~(a)(1)(A) A classroom teacher employed by a school district in the~~
24 ~~state may receive a reimbursement from the Dual Licensure Incentive Program~~
25 ~~if the classroom teacher returns to an approved institution of higher~~
26 ~~education to obtain licensure in an additional subject area.~~

27 ~~(i) Declared to be a shortage area by the Division~~
28 ~~of Elementary and Secondary Education;~~

29 ~~(ii) That the classroom teacher is currently teaching~~
30 ~~but for which he or she does not have a licensure; or~~

31 ~~(iii) And grade level in which the school district~~
32 ~~has requested a waiver under § 6-17-309.~~

33 ~~(B)(i) A reimbursement from the Dual Licensure Incentive~~
34 ~~Program shall include funding for the cost of tuition, books, and fees not to~~
35 ~~exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) each college year.~~

36 ~~(ii) The amount of the reimbursement and the number~~

1 ~~of reimbursement recipients selected by the Division of Higher Education is~~
2 ~~contingent on the appropriation and availability of funding for such a~~
3 ~~purpose.~~

4 ~~(2) To be eligible for a reimbursement under the Dual Licensure~~
5 ~~Incentive Program, the person shall be:~~

6 ~~(A) Employed as a classroom teacher for no less than three~~
7 ~~(3) years of teaching immediately preceding the application; and~~

8 ~~(B) Accepted for enrollment in a classroom teacher~~
9 ~~education program that will lead to a licensure to teach in a subject area~~
10 ~~that:~~

11 ~~(i) Is different from the classroom teacher's~~
12 ~~current area of licensure; and~~

13 ~~(ii) Either:~~

14 ~~(a) Has been identified as a subject area with~~
15 ~~a shortage of classroom teachers as declared by the Division of Elementary~~
16 ~~and Secondary Education; or~~

17 ~~(b) Is in the grade level and subject matter~~
18 ~~area for which the school district has requested a waiver under § 6-17-309.~~

19 ~~(b)(1) The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall~~
20 ~~promulgate rules as necessary to implement the Dual Licensure Incentive~~
21 ~~Program.~~

22 ~~(2) The number of classroom teacher participants each year shall~~
23 ~~be determined by the amount of funding available for the Dual Licensure~~
24 ~~Incentive Program and the limitations set under this section.~~

25
26 SECTION 68. Arkansas Code § 6-82-108(e), concerning funding of the
27 Academic Support Scholarship with certain remaining funds, is amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (e) A scholarship under this section shall be funded with any funds
30 remaining after the division allocates sufficient funding to award Arkansas
31 *Academic Challenge Scholarships under § 6-85-201 et seq., Arkansas Workforce*
32 *Challenge Scholarships under § 6-85-301 et seq., and Arkansas Concurrent*
33 *Challenge Scholarships under § 6-85-401 et seq.* ACCESS to Acceleration
34 Scholarships under § 6-85-701 et seq.

35
36 SECTION 69. Arkansas Code § 6-82-302 is amended to read as follows:

1 6-82-302. Definitions.

2 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

3 (1) "Academic ability" means the intellectual standing of a
4 student. In determining superior academic ability, the Division of Higher
5 Education shall examine the student's high school records, competitive
6 examination scores, and demonstrated leadership capabilities;

7 (2) "Approved institution" means a ~~public state-supported~~
8 institution of higher education or private college or university:

9 (A) Which is dedicated to educational purposes, located in
10 Arkansas, or located out of state and educating Arkansas residents in
11 ~~dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine, podiatry, chiropractic, or~~
12 ~~osteopathy under agreement with the Southern Regional Education Board,~~
13 ~~accredited by an accrediting agency certified and recognized by the United~~
14 ~~States Department of Education or the Division of Agency Evaluation and~~
15 ~~Institutional Accreditation, or a school giving satisfactory assurance that~~
16 ~~it has the potential for accreditation and is making progress which, if~~
17 ~~continued, will result in its achieving accreditation~~ professional programs
18 not offered in the state under the Arkansas Health Education Grant Program;

19 (B) Which does not discriminate in the admission of
20 students on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; and

21 (C) Which subscribes to the principle of academic freedom;

22 (3) "Competitive examination" means a standardized examination
23 measuring achievement which is administered annually on a specified date and
24 at a specified location and which is announced publicly;

25 (4) "Eligible student" means a legal resident of the State of
26 Arkansas as defined by the Division of Higher Education who:

27 (A) Is eligible for admission as a full-time student;

28 (B) Declares an intent to matriculate in an approved
29 institution in Arkansas; and

30 (C) Graduates from+

31 ~~(i) A a high school in this state, for Arkansas~~
32 ~~Governor's Scholars; or~~

33 ~~(ii) A high school, for Arkansas Governor's~~
34 ~~Distinguished Scholars;~~

35 (5) "Exemplary academic achievement" means a student that
36 achieves exemplary performance, as determined by the division, based on one

1 (1) or more of the following:

2 (A) SAT, CLT, or ACT;

3 (B) High school grade point average;

4 (C) High school rank upon graduation;

5 (D) Associate degree upon graduation from high school; and

6 (E) Being a recipient of a diploma of distinction;

7 ~~(5)-(A)-(6)~~ (A) “Extraordinary academic ability” means:

8 (i) Achievement of a superscore, as defined by § 6-
9 85-204, of 32 or above on the ACT or a score of 1410 or above on the SAT; and

10 (ii) ~~Either:~~

11 ~~(a) For students graduating from high school~~
12 ~~after December 31, 2001, A student graduating from high school with an~~
13 achievement of a high school grade point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0
14 scale; ~~or~~

15 ~~(b) Selection as a finalist in either the~~
16 ~~National Merit Scholarship competition, the National Hispanic Recognition~~
17 ~~Program, or the National Achievement Scholarship competition conducted by the~~
18 ~~National Merit Scholarship Corporation.~~

19 (B) ~~For students graduating after December 31, 2001, the~~
20 ~~The~~ ACT superscores and SAT scores shall be earned by ~~December 31~~ February 28
21 prior to the application deadline in order for the scores to be considered by
22 the ~~Division of Higher Education~~ division for a scholarship award;

23 ~~(6)-(7)~~ “Full-time student” means a legal resident of Arkansas
24 who is in attendance at an approved ~~private or public~~ institution and who is
25 enrolled in at least twelve (12) credit hours the first semester and fifteen
26 (15) hours thereafter, or other reasonable academic equivalent as defined by
27 the ~~Division of Higher Education~~ division;

28 ~~(7)-(8)~~ “Scholarship” means an award to an eligible student for
29 matriculation in an approved institution in the State of Arkansas; and

30 ~~(8)-(9)~~ “Undergraduate student” means an individual who is
31 enrolled in a postsecondary educational program which leads to or is directly
32 creditable toward the individual’s first baccalaureate degree.

33
34 SECTION 70. Arkansas Code § 6-82-306, concerning eligibility under the
35 Arkansas Governor’s Scholars Program, is amended to add additional
36 subsections to read as follows:

1 (e) An Arkansas Governor's Scholar shall be chosen based on a student
2 who:

3 (1) Graduates with a diploma of distinction based on criteria
4 determined by the State Board of Education; or

5 (2) Earns an associate degree upon completing the summer term
6 immediately following graduation from high school.

7 (f) An Arkansas Governor's Scholar shall be chosen based on a student
8 exhibiting the highest exemplary academic achievement if:

9 (1) There are no recipients of the Arkansas Governor's
10 Distinguished Scholarship; or

11 (2) An Arkansas Governor's Scholar under subsection (e) of this
12 section is not chosen in any given Arkansas county.

13
14 SECTION 71. Arkansas Code § 6-82-310, concerning the use of funds
15 under the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, is amended to add an
16 additional subsection to read as follows:

17 (c) In the event the number of students who qualify for a scholarship
18 under this subchapter during an academic year exceeds the amount of funds
19 appropriated to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account for purposes of
20 funding students who qualify for a scholarship under this subchapter during
21 the given academic year, the excess awards that qualify for distribution
22 under this subchapter shall be funded with any net proceeds from the state
23 lottery remaining after the Division of Higher Education allocates sufficient
24 funding to award the following scholarships at levels equivalent to the
25 awards made in the previous academic year:

26 (1) Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-201 et seq.; and

27 (2) Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-301 et seq.

28
29 SECTION 72. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82, Subchapter 5, is
30 repealed.

31 ~~Subchapter 5 — Children of Law Enforcement Officers, Etc.~~

32
33 ~~6-82-501. Definitions.~~

34 ~~As used in this subchapter:~~

35 ~~(1) "Child" or "children" means any natural child, adopted~~
36 ~~child, or stepchild who is eligible under § 6-82-504;~~

1 ~~(2) “Division of Community Correction employee” means any~~
2 ~~employee of the Division of Community Correction who suffers fatal injuries~~
3 ~~or wounds or becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries~~
4 ~~or wounds that occurred through contact with parolees, probationers, or~~
5 ~~center residents;~~

6 ~~(3)(A) “Emergency medical services personnel” means an~~
7 ~~individual licensed by the Department of Health at any level established by~~
8 ~~the rules adopted by the State Board of Health under the Emergency Medical~~
9 ~~Services Act, § 20-13-201 et seq., and authorized to perform those services~~
10 ~~set forth in the rules.~~

11 ~~(B) This shall include without limitation an emergency~~
12 ~~medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, paramedic,~~
13 ~~emergency medical services instructor, or emergency medical services~~
14 ~~instructor trainer;~~

15 ~~(4) “Firefighter” means any firefighter employed on a full-time~~
16 ~~or volunteer duty status while actually engaged in the performance of his or~~
17 ~~her duties;~~

18 ~~(5) “Law enforcement officer” means a:~~

19 ~~(A) Constable, which includes all duly elected constables~~
20 ~~of any beat of any county within the state while actually engaged in the~~
21 ~~performance of their duties concerning the criminal laws of the county and~~
22 ~~state;~~

23 ~~(B) Game warden, which includes all appointed game wardens~~
24 ~~employed by the State of Arkansas on a full-time duty status while actually~~
25 ~~engaged in their duties concerning the game laws of this state;~~

26 ~~(C) Municipal and college or university police officer,~~
27 ~~which includes all law enforcement officers of any municipality, college, or~~
28 ~~university who are regular duty personnel on full-time status and does not~~
29 ~~include auxiliary officers or those serving on a temporary or part-time~~
30 ~~status;~~

31 ~~(D) Sheriff or deputy sheriff, which includes all law~~
32 ~~enforcement officers of full-time status on a regular basis serving the~~
33 ~~sheriff’s department of any county but does not include deputy sheriffs who~~
34 ~~are engaged in administrative or civil duty or deputy sheriffs serving in a~~
35 ~~temporary capacity or part-time basis; and~~

36 ~~(E) State highway patrolman, which includes any law~~

~~enforcement officer, regardless of department or bureau, of the Division of Arkansas State Police;~~

~~(6) "State correction employee" means any employee of the Division of Correction or the Arkansas Correctional School District who becomes subject to injury through contact with inmates or parolees of the Division of Correction;~~

~~(7) "State forestry employee" means an employee of the Arkansas Forestry Commission who is actively engaged in his or her duties of fighting forest fires;~~

~~(8) "State highway employee" means any employee of the Arkansas Department of Transportation who actively engages in highway maintenance, construction, or traffic operations on the roadways and bridges of the state highway system while the roadways and bridges are open for use by the traveling public;~~

~~(9) "State parks employee" means any employee of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism who is a commissioned law enforcement officer or emergency response employee while actively engaged in the performance of his or her duties; and~~

~~(10) "Teacher" means any person employed by a public school for the purpose of giving instruction and whose employment requires state certification.~~

~~6-82-502. Rules.~~

~~The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board is directed and empowered to promulgate rules as necessary to administer benefits awarded under this subchapter by the Arkansas State Claims Commission.~~

~~6-82-503. Entitlement.~~

~~(a) If any Arkansas law enforcement officer, full-time or volunteer firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks employee, teacher, or state forestry employee suffers fatal injuries or wounds or becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries or wounds that occurred in the performance of a hazardous duty within the scope of his or her employment or that occurred en route to or returning from a location where a hazardous situation existed, his or her children and spouse~~

1 ~~shall be entitled to a total of eight (8) semesters, or the equivalent~~
2 ~~thereof, of scholarship awards without cost, exclusive of books, food, school~~
3 ~~supplies, materials, and dues or fees for extracurricular activities, at any~~
4 ~~state-supported college, university, or technical institute of his or her~~
5 ~~choice within this state. Up to four (4) semesters, or the equivalent~~
6 ~~thereof, may be taken at a technical institute.~~

7 ~~(b) Scholarship benefits shall not accrue under this subchapter to any~~
8 ~~person if the wounds or injuries suffered by any law enforcement officer,~~
9 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
10 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks~~
11 ~~employee, teacher, or state forestry employee are self-inflicted or if the~~
12 ~~death is self-induced.~~

13 ~~(c) Unless § 6-82-504(c) is applicable, the Arkansas State Claims~~
14 ~~Commission shall award any scholarship benefit provided by this subchapter at~~
15 ~~the same time that any death benefit or total and permanent disability~~
16 ~~benefit is awarded by the commission under the provisions of § 21-5-701 et~~
17 ~~seq.~~

18
19 ~~6-82-504. Awards to children.~~

20 ~~(a) In order for a natural child to be eligible to receive a~~
21 ~~scholarship benefit:~~

22 ~~(1) The child must have been born prior to the date of the death~~
23 ~~or total and permanent disability of the law enforcement officer,~~
24 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
25 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks~~
26 ~~employee, teacher, or state forestry employee; or~~

27 ~~(2) The law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical~~
28 ~~technician, state highway employee, state correction employee, Division of~~
29 ~~Community Correction employee, state parks employee, teacher, or state~~
30 ~~forestry employee or the spouse of the law enforcement officer, firefighter,~~
31 ~~emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state correction~~
32 ~~employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks employee,~~
33 ~~teacher, or state forestry employee must have been pregnant with the child at~~
34 ~~the time of the death or total and permanent disability of the law~~
35 ~~enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway~~
36 ~~employee, state correction employee, Division of Community Correction~~

1 ~~employee, state parks employee, teacher, or state forestry employee.~~

2 ~~(b) In order for an adopted child to be eligible to receive a~~
3 ~~scholarship benefit:~~

4 ~~(1) The child must have been adopted prior to the date of the~~
5 ~~death or total and permanent disability of the law enforcement officer,~~
6 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
7 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks~~
8 ~~employee, teacher, or state forestry employee; or~~

9 ~~(2) The child's adoption process must have begun prior to the~~
10 ~~date of the death or total and permanent disability of the law enforcement~~
11 ~~officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee,~~
12 ~~state correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state~~
13 ~~parks employee, teacher, or state forestry employee.~~

14 ~~(c) In order for a stepchild under nineteen (19) years of age to be~~
15 ~~eligible to receive a scholarship benefit:~~

16 ~~(1) The stepchild must have been listed as a dependent on the~~
17 ~~federal and state income tax returns of the law enforcement officer,~~
18 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
19 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks~~
20 ~~employee, teacher, or state forestry employee in each of the five (5) income~~
21 ~~years immediately prior to the date of the death or total and permanent~~
22 ~~disability of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical~~
23 ~~technician, state highway employee, state correction employee, Division of~~
24 ~~Community Correction employee, state parks employee, teacher, or state~~
25 ~~forestry employee; and~~

26 ~~(2) The stepchild must have received more than one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of~~
27 ~~his or her financial support from the law enforcement officer, firefighter,~~
28 ~~emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state correction~~
29 ~~employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks employee,~~
30 ~~teacher, or state forestry employee in each of the five (5) income years~~
31 ~~immediately prior to the date of the death or total and permanent disability~~
32 ~~of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical technician,~~
33 ~~state highway employee, state correction employee, Division of Community~~
34 ~~Correction employee, state parks employee, teacher, or state forestry~~
35 ~~employee.~~

36 ~~(d) In order for a stepchild nineteen (19) years of age or older to be~~

1 ~~eligible to receive a scholarship benefit.~~

2 ~~(1) The stepchild must have been listed as a dependent on the~~
3 ~~federal and state income tax returns of the law enforcement officer,~~
4 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
5 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks~~
6 ~~employee, teacher, or state forestry employee in each of five (5) income~~
7 ~~years during the eight (8) years immediately prior to the date of the death~~
8 ~~or total and permanent disability of the law enforcement officer,~~
9 ~~firefighter, emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state~~
10 ~~correction employee, Division of Community Correction employee, teacher,~~
11 ~~state parks employee, or state forestry employee; and~~

12 ~~(2) The stepchild must have received more than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of~~
13 ~~his or her financial support from the law enforcement officer, firefighter,~~
14 ~~emergency medical technician, state highway employee, state correction~~
15 ~~employee, Division of Community Correction employee, state parks employee,~~
16 ~~teacher, or state forestry employee in each of five (5) income years during~~
17 ~~the eight (8) years immediately prior to the date of the death or total and~~
18 ~~permanent disability of the law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency~~
19 ~~medical technician, state highway employee, state correction employee,~~
20 ~~Division of Community Correction employee, state parks employee, teacher, or~~
21 ~~state forestry employee.~~

22 ~~(e) If the covered public employee or his or her heirs did not file~~
23 ~~for the available death or disability benefit, but were otherwise eligible to~~
24 ~~receive, within the time frame provided in § 21-5-703, then the covered~~
25 ~~public employee's child or children who would have otherwise been eligible to~~
26 ~~receive the provided educational scholarship benefit under this section may~~
27 ~~individually file prior to their twenty first birthdays a claim to receive~~
28 ~~the provided educational scholarship benefit.~~

29
30 ~~6-82-505. Limits for scholarship.~~

31 ~~(a) No child will be entitled to receive benefits under this~~
32 ~~subchapter during any semester or quarter when the child has reached twenty-~~
33 ~~three (23) years of age on or before the first day of the semester or~~
34 ~~quarter.~~

35 ~~(b) No spouse will be eligible for the education benefit if he or she~~
36 ~~remarries. The benefit will cease at the end of the semester at which the~~

1 ~~spouse is currently enrolled at the time of the marriage.~~

3 ~~6-82-506. Written application for benefits.~~

4 ~~Any person claiming benefits awarded by the Arkansas State Claims~~
5 ~~Commission under the provisions of this subchapter shall make written~~
6 ~~application with the Division of Higher Education on forms provided by the~~
7 ~~division.~~

9 ~~6-82-507. Renewal of scholarship.~~

10 ~~To retain eligibility for a scholarship benefit under this subchapter,~~
11 ~~a recipient shall:~~

12 ~~(1) Maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0~~
13 ~~scholastic grading scale; and~~

14 ~~(2) Meet any other continuing eligibility criteria established~~
15 ~~by the Division of Higher Education.~~

17 SECTION 73. Arkansas Code § 6-82-601(i)(3), concerning funding by
18 certain scholarships related to tuition waivers for dependents of certain
19 veterans, is amended to read as follows:

20 ~~(3) *Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-401 et seq*~~
21 ~~*ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship, § 6-85-701 et seq.*~~

22 SECTION 74. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1802(c), concerning continuing
23 eligibility under the Arkansas Future Grant Program, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 (c) A student may continue to be eligible until the student has:

26 (1) Received the grant for ~~five (5) academic semesters~~ a maximum
27 of seventy-five (75) course credit hours in which the student is enrolled;

28 (2) Obtained an associate degree; or

29 (3) Failed to maintain satisfactory academic progress, as
30 determined by the approved institution of higher education in which the
31 student is enrolled; ~~or~~

32 ~~(4) Failed to complete the mentoring or community service~~
33 ~~requirements under § 6-82-1804.~~

35 SECTION 75. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1803(a)(1), concerning distribution
36 of the Arkansas Future Grant Program, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) An Arkansas Future Grant shall be ~~in~~:

(A) Distributed in accordance with the Division of Higher Education's stacking policy under § 6-80-105; and

(B) In an amount equal to the tuition, fees, and other charges incurred by a student who meets the requirements under § 6-82-1802 to attend an approved institution of higher education less the amount the student receives in:

~~(A) State supported student financial assistance;~~

~~(B) Federal student financial assistance; and~~

~~(C) Private scholarships.~~

SECTION 76. Arkansas Code § 6-82-1804(a), concerning the written agreement requirements for a recipient of an Arkansas Future Grant, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) A student who receives an Arkansas Future Grant shall enter into a written agreement with the Division of Higher Education to:

~~(1)(A) Receive monthly mentoring from a mentor from an organization determined by the Division of Higher Education.~~

~~(B) A mentor under subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this section shall:~~

~~(i) Receive annual mentoring training;~~

~~(a) Developed by the Division of Higher Education; and~~

~~(b) Provided by a local volunteer group approved by the Division of Higher Education; and~~

~~(ii) Certify to the Division of Higher Education that at least one (1) time each semester the mentor has provided mentoring services by telephone, email, or in person to each student he or she is mentoring;~~

~~(2)(A) Complete at least ten (10) hours of community service each semester the student receives a grant.~~

~~(B)(i) A student may select a community service project that meets requirements developed by the Division of Higher Education.~~

~~(ii) An approved institution of higher education may provide community services opportunities designed to benefit the approved institution of higher education community or the broader local community.~~

1 ~~(C) A student shall certify his or her community service~~
2 ~~to the approved institution of higher education by the last regular day of~~
3 ~~the semester the student received the grant; and~~

4 ~~(3)(A) Reside~~ reside in this state for ~~three (3) consecutive~~
5 ~~years~~ six (6) months and be employed beginning within six (6) months after
6 receiving an associate degree or a certification.

7 ~~(B)(2)~~ The Division of Higher Education may defer the
8 requirement under ~~subdivision (a)(3)(A)~~ subdivision (a)(1) of this section
9 if:

10 ~~(i)(A)~~ The Division of Higher Education, in
11 consultation with the Division of Workforce Services, determines that there
12 was no employment position available that would reasonably enable the student
13 to meet this requirement; or

14 ~~(ii)(B)~~ Special circumstances as determined by the
15 Division of Higher Education exist.

16 ~~(G)(3)~~ After the period of deferral, the student shall
17 begin or resume working in this state or become subject to repayment under
18 subsection (b) of this section.

19
20 SECTION 77. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2205(b), concerning the requirements
21 for an eligible postsecondary institution under the Arkansas Teacher Academy
22 Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:

23 (b) An eligible postsecondary institution may+

24 ~~(1) Develop~~ develop a portfolio of teacher preparation programs
25 to offer as part of its Arkansas Teacher Academy+;

26 ~~(2)(A) Give priority to students in grades eleven (11) and~~
27 ~~twelve (12).~~

28 ~~(B) However, an eligible postsecondary institution shall~~
29 ~~not exclude students in grades nine (9) and ten (10) from its Arkansas~~
30 ~~Teacher Academy; and~~

31 ~~(3)(A) Use scholarship funds that exceed the cost of tuition and~~
32 ~~fees at the eligible postsecondary institution to support its Arkansas~~
33 ~~Teacher Academy costs.~~

34 ~~(B) However, if a scholarship awarded to an academy~~
35 ~~attendee under this subchapter does not cover the eligible postsecondary~~
36 ~~institution's tuition and fees after an academy attendee receives all other~~

1 ~~financial gifts, financial aid, and grants, the eligible postsecondary~~
2 ~~institution shall not charge an academy attendee awarded a scholarship under~~
3 ~~this subchapter the remaining difference.~~
4

5 SECTION 78. Arkansas Code § 6-82-2206(a), concerning scholarships
6 under the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 (a)(1) ~~An~~ Effective beginning the 2025-2026 academic year, an eligible
9 postsecondary institution shall provide to each academy attendee who is
10 accepted and enrolled in its Arkansas Teacher Academy program an annual
11 scholarship, not to exceed the maximum award as determined by the Division of
12 Higher Education each eligible semester, up to the actual cost of the:

13 (A) Eligible postsecondary institution's tuition and fees
14 for a maximum of:

15 (i) Two (2) academic years, ~~or~~ four (4) academic
16 semesters, not to exceed sixty (60) academic hours, or completion of the
17 program for an academy attendee who is a graduate student enrolled in the
18 Arkansas Teacher Academy at the eligible postsecondary institution;

19 (ii) Four (4) academic years, ~~or~~ eight (8) academic
20 semesters, not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) academic hours, or
21 completion of the program for an undergraduate student enrolled in the
22 Arkansas Teacher Academy at the eligible postsecondary institution; and

23 (iii)(a) Two (2) academic years, ~~or~~ four (4)
24 academic semesters, not to exceed sixty (60) academic hours, or completion of
25 the program for a community college student enrolled in the Arkansas Teacher
26 Academy at the eligible postsecondary institution.

27 (b) A student who qualifies under subdivision
28 (a)(1)(A)(iii)(a) of this section shall receive continued eligibility for two
29 (2) additional academic years or four (4) additional academic semesters at a
30 postsecondary institution that is an undergraduate institution; and

31 (B) Obtainment of a teaching license issued by the State
32 Board of Education, including without limitation the actual cost of one (1)
33 exam required for obtaining a teaching license issued by the state board.

34 (2) A scholarship distributed to an academy attendee under
35 subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be distributed ~~only after all other~~
36 ~~financial gifts, financial aid, and grants have been received by an academy~~

1 ~~attendee enrolled in an Arkansas Teacher Academy at an eligible postsecondary~~
2 ~~institution in accordance with the division's scholarship stacking policy~~
3 ~~under § 6-80-105.~~

4 (3) In compliance with the division's scholarship stacking
5 policy, a student's total financial aid package, which can include multiple
6 scholarships, shall not exceed the recognized cost of attendance at a state-
7 supported institution of higher education.

8
9 SECTION 79. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 82 is amended to add
10 additional *subchapters* to read as follows:

11 Subchapter 25 – Arkansas Heroes Scholarship Act

12
13 6-82-2501. Title.

14 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Heroes
15 Scholarship Act".

16
17 6-82-2502. Purpose.

18 The purpose of this subchapter is to create a scholarship to be known
19 as the "Arkansas Heroes Scholarship" that honors the heroic efforts of the
20 individuals who served as Arkansas's heroes and their families.

21
22 6-82-2503. Definitions.

23 (a) As used in this subchapter:

24 (1) "Arkansas hero" means:

25 (A) One (1) of the following who suffers a fatal injury or
26 wound or becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries or
27 wounds that occurred in the performance of a hazardous duty within the scope
28 of his or her employment or that occurred en route to or returning from a
29 location where a hazardous situation existed:

30 (i) A law enforcement officer;

31 (ii) A firefighter;

32 (iii) An emergency medical technician;

33 (iv) A state highway employee;

34 (v) A state correction employee;

35 (vi) A Division of Community Correction employee;

36 (vii) A state parks employee; or

1 (viii) A state forestry employee;
2 (B) A disabled veteran;
3 (C) A prisoner of war;
4 (D) A recipient of a Medal of Honor or Purple Heart;
5 (E) A person declared to be missing in action or killed in
6 action;
7 (F) A person killed on ordnance delivery;
8 (G) A teacher who suffers a fatal injury or wound or
9 becomes permanently and totally disabled as a result of injuries or wounds
10 that occurred due to an act of violence at a public school or open-enrollment
11 charter school in this state;
12 (2) "Child" means a natural child, an adopted child, or a
13 stepchild who is eligible to receive a scholarship under this subchapter;
14 (3) "Disabled veteran" means a person who has been awarded
15 either:
16 (A) United States Armed Forces disability retirement
17 benefits; or
18 (B) Special monthly compensation by the United States
19 Department of Veterans Affairs for service-connected, one hundred percent
20 (100%) total and permanent disability;
21 (4) "Division of Community Correction employee" means an
22 employee of the Division of Community Correction who suffers a fatal injury
23 or wound or becomes permanently and totally disabled because of an injury or
24 wound that occurred through contact with a parolee, probationer, or center
25 resident;
26 (5)(A) "Emergency medical services personnel" means an
27 individual licensed by the Department of Health at any level established by
28 the rules adopted by the State Board of Health under the Emergency Medical
29 Services Act, § 20-13-201 et seq., and authorized to perform the services
30 under the rules.
31 (B) "Emergency medical services personnel" includes
32 without limitation:
33 (i) An emergency medical technician;
34 (ii) An advanced emergency medical technician;
35 (iii) A paramedic;
36 (iv) An emergency medical services instructor; and

1 (v) An emergency medical services instructor
2 trainer;

3 (6) "Firefighter" means a firefighter employed on a full-time or
4 volunteer status while actually engaged in the performance of his or her
5 duties;

6 (7) "Law enforcement officer" means a:

7 (A) Constable, including without limitation all elected
8 constables of any beat of any county within the state while actually engaged
9 in the performance of his or her duties concerning the criminal laws of the
10 county and state;

11 (B) Game warden, including without limitation all
12 appointed game wardens employed by the state on a full-time status while
13 actually engaged in his or her duties concerning the game laws of this state;

14 (C)(i) Municipal and a state-supported institution of
15 higher education police officer, including without limitation all law
16 enforcement officers of any municipality or state-supported institution of
17 higher education who are regular duty personnel on full-time status.

18 (ii) Municipal and a state-supported institution of
19 higher education police officer does not include auxiliary officers or those
20 serving on a temporary or part-time status;

21 (D)(i) Sheriff or deputy sheriff, including without
22 limitation all law enforcement officers on full-time status on a regular
23 basis serving the sheriff's department of any county.

24 (ii) Sheriff or deputy sheriff does not include a
25 deputy sheriff who is:

26 (a) Engaged in administrative or civil duty;
27 or

28 (b) Serving in a temporary capacity or part-
29 time status;

30 (E) State highway patrolman, including without limitation
31 any law enforcement officer, regardless of department or bureau, of the
32 Division of Arkansas State Police; and

33 (F) Any other person employed by the State of Arkansas or
34 a political subdivision of the State of Arkansas as an appointed law
35 enforcement officer who is responsible for the prevention and detection of
36 crime and the enforcement of the criminal, traffic, or highway laws of this

1 state;

2 (8) "Ordnance delivery" means the piloting of or flying in an
3 experimental or test aircraft while determining its fitness or ability to
4 perform its military function or mission;

5 (9)(A) "Prisoner of war", "person missing in action", "person
6 killed in action", and "person killed on ordnance delivery" mean a person
7 who:

8 (i) Was a legal resident of the State of Arkansas at
9 the time that person entered the service of the United States Armed Forces or
10 whose official residence is within the State of Arkansas; and

11 (ii) Who, while serving in the United States Armed
12 Forces, has been declared to be a prisoner of war, a person missing in
13 action, a person killed in action as established by the United States
14 Secretary of Defense after January 1, 1960, or a person killed on ordnance
15 delivery.

16 (B) "Prisoner of war", "person missing in action", "person
17 killed in action", and "person killed on ordnance delivery" apply whether or
18 not capture or death occurred during a declared war or as a result of hostile
19 action.

20 (C) A death as a result of injuries received while serving
21 in the United States Armed Forces or Arkansas National Guard is only covered
22 by this subdivision (a)(9) if the death occurred while on active duty or
23 state active duty;

24 (10) "State correction employee" means an employee of the
25 Division of Correction or the Arkansas Correctional School District who
26 becomes subject to injury through contact with an inmate or parolee of the
27 Division of Correction;

28 (11) "State forestry employee" means an employee of the Arkansas
29 Forestry Commission who is actively engaged in his or her duties of fighting
30 forest fires;

31 (12) "State highway employee" means an employee of the Arkansas
32 Department of Transportation who actively engages in highway maintenance,
33 construction, or traffic operations on the roadways and bridges of the state
34 highway system while the roadways and bridges are open for use by the
35 traveling public;

36 (13) "State parks employee" means an employee of the Department

1 of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism who is a commissioned law enforcement officer
2 or emergency response employee while actively engaged in the performance of
3 his or her duties;

4 (14) "Teacher" means a person employed by a public school
5 district for the purpose of providing direct instruction to students and
6 whose employment requires state certification; and

7 (15) "United States Armed Forces dependent" means a spouse, a
8 child born to or conceived by, an adopted child, a child under legal
9 guardianship, or a stepchild of a:

10 (A) Disabled veteran;

11 (B) Prisoner of war; or

12 (C) Person declared to be:

13 (i) Missing in action;

14 (ii) Killed in action; or

15 (iii) Killed on ordnance delivery.

16
17 6-82-2504. Rules.

18 The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to implement this
19 subchapter.

20
21 6-82-2505. Eligibility for Arkansas Heroes Scholarship.

22 (a) Eligibility for the Arkansas Heroes Scholarship requires one (1)
23 of the following:

24 (1) The student has been a legal Arkansas resident for at least
25 one (1) year before submitting a scholarship application;

26 (2) The student was born before the date of the death or
27 disability of the Arkansas hero; or

28 (3) The Arkansas hero or the spouse of the Arkansas hero was
29 pregnant with the student at the time of the death or disability of the
30 Arkansas hero.

31 (b) In order for an adopted child to be eligible to receive a
32 scholarship benefit:

33 (1) The adopted child is required to have been adopted before
34 the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas hero; or

35 (2) The adopted child's adoption process is required to have
36 begun before the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas hero.

1 (c) In order for a stepchild under nineteen (19) years of age to be
2 eligible to receive a scholarship benefit, the stepchild under nineteen (19)
3 years of age shall have:

4 (1) Been listed as a dependent on the federal and state income
5 tax returns of the Arkansas hero in each of the five (5) income years
6 immediately before the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas hero;
7 and

8 (2) Received more than one-half (1/2) of his or her financial
9 support from the Arkansas hero in each of the five (5) income years
10 immediately before the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas hero.

11 (d) In order for a stepchild who is nineteen (19) years of age or
12 older to be eligible to receive a scholarship benefit, the stepchild who is
13 nineteen (19) years or older shall have:

14 (1) Been listed as a dependent on the federal and state income
15 tax returns of the Arkansas hero in at least five (5) of the eight (8) income
16 years immediately before the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas
17 hero; and

18 (2) Received more than one-half (1/2) of his or her financial
19 support from the Arkansas hero in at least five (5) of the eight (8) income
20 years immediately before the date of the death or disability of the Arkansas
21 hero.

22 (e) If a covered public employee, as defined in § 21-5-701, or his or
23 her heirs did not file for the available death or disability benefit but were
24 otherwise eligible to receive the death or disability benefit within the time
25 frame provided in § 21-5-703, then the covered public employee's child or
26 children who would have otherwise been eligible to receive the provided
27 educational scholarship benefit under this section may individually file
28 before his or her twenty-first birthday a claim to receive the provided
29 educational scholarship benefit if:

30 (1) The student is considered a United States Armed Forces
31 dependent as provided in § 6-82-2503; or

32 (2) The student is a dependent of an Arkansas hero who suffered
33 fatal injuries or wounds or becomes disabled as a result of injuries or
34 wounds that occurred in the performance of a hazardous duty within the scope
35 of his or her employment or that occurred en route to or returning from a
36 location where a hazardous situation existed.

1 (f) Scholarship benefits may not accrue under this subchapter to a
2 person if the wound or injury suffered by an Arkansas hero is self-inflicted
3 or if the death of an Arkansas hero is self-inflicted.

4 (g) Unless subsection (e) of this section is applicable, the Arkansas
5 State Claims Commission shall award any scholarship benefit provided by this
6 subchapter at the same time that any death benefit or disability benefit is
7 awarded by the commission under the provisions of § 21-5-701 et seq.

8
9 6-82-2506. Eligibility restrictions.

10 (a) A child shall not be entitled to receive benefits under this
11 subchapter during any semester or quarter when the child has reached twenty-
12 six (26) years of age on or before the first day of the semester or quarter.

13 (b)(1) A spouse shall not be eligible to receive benefits under this
14 subchapter if he or she remarries.

15 (2) The benefits under this subchapter shall cease at the end of
16 the semester in which the spouse is currently enrolled at the time of the
17 marriage.

18
19 6-82-2507. Applications.

20 (a) An eligible student shall apply to the Division of Higher
21 Education for benefits under this subchapter.

22 (b) A United States Armed Forces dependent shall:

23 (1) Apply for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational
24 Assistance program, 38 U.S.C. § 3500 et seq., as it existed on January 1,
25 2025, with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

26 (2) Provide the division with proof of:

27 (A) Acceptance into the Survivors' and Dependents'
28 Educational Assistance program; or

29 (B) Noneligibility for the Survivors' and Dependents'
30 Educational Assistance program following application.

31 (c) Except as provided under subsection (d) of this section, a
32 dependent of an Arkansas hero, upon his or her being accepted for enrollment
33 into any private, nonprofit institution of higher education in the State of
34 Arkansas or a state-supported institution of higher education in the State of
35 Arkansas, may obtain his or her first bachelor's degree for so long as he or
36 she is eligible with state assistance for tuition, fees, or other charges as

1 provided under this subsection.

2 (d)(1) The state assistance under this subchapter is limited to the
3 tuition, fees, or other charges that exceed the amount of monetary benefits
4 the dependent is eligible to receive from the Survivors' and Dependents'
5 Educational Assistance program during the months included in each semester in
6 which the dependent is enrolled.

7 (2) If the dependent is not eligible for monetary benefits from
8 the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program but is eligible
9 for the benefits under this subchapter, the dependent may obtain a bachelor's
10 degree free of tuition, fees, or other charges from a private, nonprofit
11 institution of higher education in this state or a state-supported
12 institution of higher education in this state.

13 (3) However, the state assistance awarded to a dependent
14 attending a private, nonprofit institution of higher education in this state
15 shall not exceed the maximum amount of state assistance awarded to dependents
16 attending a state-supported institution of higher education in this state.

17 (e) Once a person qualifies as a dependent under this subchapter,
18 there shall be no situation such as the return of the parent or the reported
19 death of the parent that will remove the dependent from the provisions or
20 benefits of this subchapter.

21 (f) An eligible recipient shall receive a scholarship for one (1)
22 academic year, renewable for up to three (3) additional academic years if the
23 recipient meets continuing eligibility criteria established by the division.

24 (g) In compliance with the division's scholarship stacking policy, a
25 student's total financial aid package, which can include multiple
26 scholarships, shall not exceed the recognized cost of attendance at a state-
27 supported institution of higher education.

28 (h) In the event the number of students who qualify for a scholarship
29 under this subchapter during an academic year exceeds the amount of funds
30 appropriated to the Higher Education Grants Fund Account for purposes of
31 funding students who qualify for scholarship under this subchapter during the
32 given academic year, the excess awards that qualify for distribution under
33 this subchapter shall be funded with any net proceeds from the state lottery
34 remaining after the division allocates sufficient funding to award the
35 following scholarships at levels equivalent to the awards made in the
36 previous academic year:

1 (1) Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-201 et seq.;
2 and

3 (2) Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship, § 6-85-301 et seq.
4

5 6-82-2508. Scholarship funding and continued eligibility.

6 (a) The state assistance under this subchapter is limited to the
7 tuition, fees, and other expenses required for the first bachelor's degree
8 earned by the dependent.

9 (b)(1) An eligible dependent shall be entitled to a total of eight (8)
10 semesters, or the equivalent thereof, of scholarship awards without cost,
11 exclusive of books, food, school supplies, materials, and dues or fees for
12 extracurricular activities, at any state-supported institution of higher
13 education or technical institute of his or her choice within this state.

14 (2) The eligible dependent may take up to four (4) semesters, or
15 the equivalent thereof, at a technical institute.

16 (c) To retain eligibility for a scholarship benefit under this
17 subchapter, a recipient shall:

18 (1) Maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0
19 scholastic grading scale; and

20 (2) Meet any other continuing eligibility criteria established
21 by the Division of Higher Education.

22 (d) If a recipient fails to meet eligibility criteria, he or she may
23 apply for state assistance under this subchapter a maximum of one (1)
24 additional time once eligibility is reestablished.
25

26 *Subchapter 26 – Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program*
27

28 *6-82-2601. Title.*

29 *This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Governor's*
30 *Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program".*
31

32 *6-82-2602. Definitions.*

33 *As used in this subchapter:*

34 *(1) "Eligible student" means an Arkansas student with a*
35 *disability admitted to a qualifying program at a state-supported institution*
36 *of higher education;*

1 (2) "Inclusive Higher Education Accreditation Council" means the
2 independent, nonprofit accreditation agency for postsecondary programs for
3 students with an intellectual disability; and

4 (3) "Qualifying program" means a postsecondary education program
5 for a student with an intellectual disability that is accredited by the
6 Inclusive Higher Education Accreditation Council.

7
8 6-82-2603. Creation – Eligibility.

9 (a) There is established the Governor's Higher Education Transition
10 Scholarship Program within the Division of Higher Education.

11 (b) An eligible student who receives a Governor's Higher Education
12 Transition Scholarship shall maintain eligibility for up to eight (8)
13 continuous semesters or until credentialing is obtained, whichever occurs
14 first.

15
16 6-82-2604. Scholarship awards.

17 (a) Scholarship awards under this subchapter are contingent upon
18 availability of funds.

19 (b)(1) Scholarship awards shall not exceed the institutional cost of
20 attendance.

21 (2) The maximum award amount per qualifying semester that a
22 student may receive is two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

23 (3) A scholarship award may be applied to tuition, mandatory
24 fees, programmatic fees, room and board, supplies, and extended support
25 services.

26
27 6-82-2605. Rules.

28 The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to govern
29 administration of the Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship
30 Program, including without limitation application forms and deadlines.

31
32 SECTION 80. Arkansas Code § 6-85-207 is amended to read as follows:

33 6-85-207. Additional eligibility requirements for traditional students.

34 In addition to the basic eligibility requirements of § 6-85-206, an
35 applicant is eligible as a traditional student if the applicant either:

36 (1)(A) Graduated from an Arkansas public high school and has a

1 minimum superscore of nineteen (19) on the ACT or the equivalent score on an
2 ACT equivalent; or

3 (B) Upon graduation from high school:

4 (i) Achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.0
5 during high school;

6 (ii) Completed at least one (1) college readiness
7 assessment; and

8 (iii)(a) Achieved a diploma of merit as defined in
9 rules promulgated by the State Board of Education.

10 (b) Proof of attainment of the diploma of
11 merit under subdivision (1)(B)(iii)(a) of this section shall be submitted
12 with the student's scholarship application; or

13 (2)(A) Has a disability identified under the Individuals with
14 Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1400 et seq., as it existed on July
15 1, 2009, ~~and~~ graduated from an Arkansas public high school, and ~~either~~ meets
16 the requirements defined in subdivision (1) of this section.

17 ~~(A) Had a minimum composite score of nineteen (19) on the~~
18 ~~ACT or the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent; or~~

19 ~~(B) Scored proficient or higher on all state-mandated end-~~
20 ~~of-course assessments, including without limitation end-of-course assessments~~
21 ~~on;~~

22 ~~(i) Algebra I;~~

23 ~~(ii) Geometry;~~

24 ~~(iii) Biology; and~~

25 ~~(iv) Literacy;~~

26 ~~(3) Achieved a minimum superscore of nineteen (19) on the ACT or~~
27 ~~the equivalent score on an ACT equivalent and;~~

28 (B) A student shall also meet one (1) of the following
29 eligibility requirements:

30 ~~(A) Graduated~~ (i) Graduate from a private high school, an
31 out-of-state high school, or a home school high school; ~~or~~

32 ~~(B)(ii)~~ (ii) In the year in which the student would have been a
33 junior or senior in high school, completed the requirements for high school
34 graduation and obtained a high school equivalency diploma approved by the
35 Adult Education Section instead of receiving a diploma; or

36 ~~(4)(iii)~~ (iii) Meets one (1) of the following criteria:

1 ~~(A)~~(a) Was enrolled at an institution of higher education
2 in the immediately preceding academic year as a full-time, first-time
3 freshman;

4 ~~(B)~~(b) Did not receive a scholarship under this subchapter
5 as a full-time, first-time freshman;

6 ~~(C)~~(c) Successfully completed with the equivalent of a
7 minimum letter grade of "D" at least twenty-seven (27) semester hours of
8 courses as a full-time, first-time freshman; ~~and or~~

9 ~~(D)~~(d) Achieved a postsecondary grade point average of at
10 least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale as a full-time, first-time freshman.

11
12 SECTION 81. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(d)(1)(A), concerning scholarship
13 award amounts under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (d)(1)(A) Subject to the availability of net revenue, the scholarship
16 award amount under this subchapter for an academic year for a full-time
17 recipient enrolled in a four-year approved institution of higher education
18 is:

19 (i) ~~One~~ Two thousand dollars ~~(\$1,000)~~ (\$2,000) for a
20 recipient who has earned less than twenty-seven (27) semester credit hours;

21 (ii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a recipient
22 who has earned at least twenty-seven (27) semester credit hours but less than
23 fifty-seven (57) semester credit hours;

24 (iii) Four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for a recipient
25 who has earned at least fifty-seven (57) semester credit hours but less than
26 eighty-seven (87) semester credit hours; and

27 (iv)(a) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a
28 recipient who has earned at least eighty-seven (87) semester credit hours but
29 no more than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours unless the
30 recipient is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program that requires more
31 than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit hours, but not more than one
32 hundred thirty (130) semester credit hours, as provided under § 6-61-232,
33 then up to the number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate
34 program.

35 (b) A recipient shall receive no more than one
36 (1) year of the scholarship provided under subdivision (d)(1)(A)(iv)(a) of

1 this section unless the recipient is enrolled in a baccalaureate degree
2 program that requires more than one hundred twenty (120) semester credit
3 hours as provided under § 6-61-232.

4 (c)(1) A recipient who is eligible to receive
5 the scholarship under subdivision (d)(1)(A)(iv)(a) of this section may
6 receive the scholarship while enrolled in a semester as a part-time student.

7 (2) The scholarship amount for the
8 semester in which a recipient is enrolled as a part-time student under
9 subdivision (d)(1)(A)(iv)(c)(1) of this section ~~shall~~ may be prorated by the
10 number of credit hours in which the recipient is enrolled.

11
12 SECTION 82. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(d)(1)(C), concerning the
13 authorization for an applicant to elect for earned semester credit hours to
14 be only those earned after graduating from high school or obtaining a high
15 school equivalency diploma, is repealed.

16 ~~(G)(i) An applicant may elect for the earned semester~~
17 ~~credit hours under subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section to be only those~~
18 ~~semester credit hours earned after graduating from high school or obtaining a~~
19 ~~high school equivalency diploma approved by the Adult Education Section.~~

20 ~~(ii) If an applicant makes the election under~~
21 ~~subdivision (d)(1)(G)(i) of this section, any semester credit hours earned~~
22 ~~through concurrent credit or any other method before graduating high school~~
23 ~~or obtaining a high school equivalency diploma approved by the Adult~~
24 ~~Education Section shall not be counted as earned semester credit hours for~~
25 ~~the purposes of determining a recipient's scholarship award amount under~~
26 ~~subdivision (d)(1)(A) of this section.~~

27
28 SECTION 83. Arkansas Code § 6-85-212(d)(3), concerning scholarship
29 award amounts for certain institutions of higher education under the Arkansas
30 Challenge Scholarship Program, is amended to read as follows:

31 (3) Subject to the availability of net revenue, the scholarship
32 award for an academic year for a full-time student enrolled in one (1) of the
33 following institutions of higher education is ~~one~~ two thousand dollars
34 ~~(\$1,000)~~ (\$2,000) for the first year and three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for
35 the second year:

36 (A) A two-year approved institution of higher education;

(B) A branch campus of a four-year approved institution of higher education; or

(C) An approved school of nursing.

SECTION 84. Arkansas Code § 6-85-302 is amended to read as follows:

6-85-302. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Academic year" means a measure of the academic work to be accomplished by a student through the fall, spring, and summer semesters, or the equivalent of the fall, spring, and summer semesters, in that order;

(2) "Approved institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education approved by the Division of Higher Education to participate in the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program and that is:

(A) A state-supported two-year or four-year ~~college or university~~ institution of higher education; or

(B) A private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college or university with its primary headquarters located in Arkansas that is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds; or

(C) A public or private vocational-technical school that is:

(i) Included on the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act eligible training provider list;

(ii) Qualified to receive approval for veterans' education benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or

(iii) Included on the State Board of Private Career Education list; and

~~(2)(A)(3)(A)~~ "Certificate program" means a program that is offered or made available to a student by an approved institution of higher education that leads to the obtainment of a certification or license, including without limitation a program operated or sponsored by a third party.

(B) "Certificate program" is determined by the division and includes without limitation the following:

(i) Advanced manufacturing;

(ii) Health care;

1 (iii) Information technology;

2 (iv) Construction trades; or

3 (v) Logistics and distribution.

4 (C) The credit hours or contact hours awarded for a
5 certificate program may include credit hours or contact hours that are not
6 creditable toward an associate or a baccalaureate degree.

7
8 SECTION 85. Arkansas Code § 6-85-304(a), concerning student
9 eligibility under the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (a) A student is eligible to receive an Arkansas Workforce Challenge
12 Scholarship for an academic year if the student applies to ~~the Division of~~
13 ~~Higher Education~~ an approved institution of higher education by a date
14 determined by the Division of Higher Education preceding the academic year
15 and:

16 (1) Is ~~an~~ a legal Arkansas resident or, if the student is less
17 than twenty-one (21) years of age, either the student or one (1) parent of
18 the student is ~~an~~ a legal Arkansas resident;

19 (2) Meets either of the following requirements:

20 (A) Graduated from a:

21 (i) Public high school in Arkansas or another state;

22 (ii) Private high school in Arkansas or another
23 state; or

24 (iii) Home school under § 6-15-501 et seq. or
25 recognized by another state; or

26 (B) Received a high school equivalency diploma approved by
27 the Adult Education Section or another state;

28 (3) Is not receiving a scholarship under the Arkansas Academic
29 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq.; and

30 (4) Is accepted for admission in a program of study at an
31 approved institution of higher education that leads to an associate degree or
32 a certificate program in one (1) of the ~~following~~ high-demand fields+
33 described in § 6-85-302.

34 ~~(A) Industry;~~

35 ~~(B) Health care; and~~

36 ~~(C) Information technology; and~~

~~(5)(A) Whose program of study or certificate program will result in the student's being qualified to work in an occupation identified by the Division of Workforce Services under subdivision (a)(5)(B)(i) of this section.~~

~~(B)(i) The Division of Workforce Services shall provide annually to the Division of Higher Education by March 1 a list that identifies the five (5) most in demand occupations in this state in each high demand field under subdivision (a)(4) of this section that require the completion of a program of study that leads to an associate degree or a certificate program.~~

~~(ii) The Division of Workforce Services shall publish on its website the list under subdivision (a)(5)(B)(i) of this section and data supporting the list.~~

SECTION 86. Arkansas Code § 6-85-305 is amended to read as follows:

6-85-305. Distribution – Award amounts.

(a)(1) If funds are available, the Division of Higher Education shall distribute Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarships to all students who meet the requirements under § ~~6-85-304~~ 6-85-302(2).

(2) Up to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be allocated for students eligible under § 6-85-302(2)(C).

~~(b)(1) The division shall distribute scholarships from the funds available in an equal amount to every student eligible to receive a scholarship under this subchapter.~~

~~(2) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the~~
The maximum scholarship award a student may receive in an academic year shall be the lesser of: program costs or three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

~~(A) Eight hundred dollars (\$800); or~~

~~(B)(i) The cost of the certificate program or program of study.~~

~~(ii) The cost of a certificate program or program of study shall include:~~

~~(a) Tuition, fees, or other charges;~~

~~(b) Textbooks or other course materials; and~~

~~(c) Equipment needed for a course.~~

~~(3)(2) The scholarship awards may be used for expenses included~~

1 in the cost of the certificate program or program of study.

2 ~~(4)(3)~~ A scholarship under this section shall be only for the
3 academic year for which it is awarded.

4 (4)(A) The division shall collaborate with the Office of Skills
5 Development to establish the criteria to be used to determine the eligibility
6 of students under § 6-85-302(1)(C), which shall be included in rules
7 promulgated by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

8 (B) The office shall:

9 (i) Use the criteria established under subdivision
10 (b)(4)(A) of this section to determine the eligibility of students under § 6-
11 85-302(1)(C); and

12 (ii) Provide the necessary information regarding
13 eligible students to the division to enable the division to distribute
14 scholarship awards on behalf of an eligible student directly to the approved
15 institution of higher education.

16 ~~(c)(1) If the division has funds remaining after making the~~
17 ~~distributions under subsection (b) of this section, the division shall~~
18 ~~distribute scholarships to students for the summer term of the academic year.~~

19 ~~(2) If funds are available under subdivision (c)(1) of this~~
20 ~~section, a student shall apply for a scholarship for a summer term by a date~~
21 ~~determined by the division preceding the summer term.~~

22 ~~(3)(A) The division shall distribute scholarships for a summer~~
23 ~~term in the same manner as under subsection (b) of this section.~~

24 ~~(B) Scholarships for a summer term may be used in the same~~
25 ~~manner as under subsection (b) of this section.~~

26 ~~(4) A student who received a scholarship under subsection (b) of~~
27 ~~this section may also receive a scholarship for a summer term.~~

28 ~~(d)(c)~~ The division shall disburse all scholarship awards on behalf of
29 an eligible student directly to the approved institution of higher education.

30
31 SECTION 87. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 85, Subchapter 3, is
32 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

33 6-85-308. Reporting requirements.

34 (a) An approved institution of higher education accepting funds under
35 this subchapter shall submit an annual report to the Division of Higher
36 Education that includes without limitation the following:

1 (1) Individual student program completer information as defined
2 by the division; and

3 (2) Student information required to be provided to the division
4 under § 6-85-216.

5 (b) An approved institution of higher education accepting funds under
6 this subchapter shall submit an annual report to the Office of Skills
7 Development that includes without limitation the following:

8 (1) Individual student program completer information as defined
9 by the division; and

10 (2) Student information required to be provided to the division
11 under § 6-85-216.

12
13 SECTION 88. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 85, Subchapter 4 is
14 repealed.

15 ~~Subchapter 4 — Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program~~

16
17 ~~6-85-401. Creation.~~

18 ~~There is created the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program.~~

19
20 ~~6-85-402. Definitions.~~

21 ~~As used in this subchapter:~~

22 ~~(1) “Approved institution of higher education” means an~~
23 ~~institution of higher education that:~~

24 ~~(A) Is approved by the Division of Higher Education to~~
25 ~~participate in the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program;~~

26 ~~(B) Offers at least a fifty percent discount on the~~
27 ~~tuition and mandatory fees of an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or~~
28 ~~certificate program to a student who is enrolled in an endorsed concurrent~~
29 ~~enrollment course or certificate program, unless other opportunities are~~
30 ~~provided that lower the tuition and mandatory fees below fifty percent (50%);~~
31 ~~and~~

32 ~~(C) Is a:~~

33 ~~(i) State-supported two-year or four-year college or~~
34 ~~university; or~~

35 ~~(ii) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college~~
36 ~~or university that has its primary headquarters located in Arkansas and that~~

~~is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds;~~

~~(2)(A) "Certificate program" means a program that is offered or made available to a student by an approved institution of higher education that leads to the obtainment of a certification or license.~~

~~(B) "Certificate program" does not include a program that is operated or sponsored by a third party;~~

~~(3)(A) "Endorsed concurrent enrollment course" means the same as defined in § 6-16-1202.~~

~~(B) "Endorsed concurrent enrollment course" does not include a program that is operated or sponsored by a third party; and~~

~~(4) "Student" means a person in grade ten (10), grade eleven (11), or grade twelve (12) who is enrolled at a:~~

~~(A) Public high school in Arkansas;~~

~~(B) Private high school in Arkansas; or~~

~~(C) Home school, as defined in § 6-15-501.~~

~~6-85-403. Eligibility.~~

~~(a) A student is eligible to receive an Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship under this subchapter for an academic semester or academic year during which the student is enrolled in an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or certificate program if the student:~~

~~(1) Is an Arkansas resident or, if the student is less than twenty-one (21) years of age, either the student or one (1) parent of the student is an Arkansas resident; and~~

~~(2)(A) Submits a student success plan as described under § 6-15-2911(b).~~

~~(B) The student success plan required under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section for a student who is enrolled in an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or certificate program shall:~~

~~(i) Be prepared in consultation with:~~

~~(a) School personnel, the student, and the student's parent or legal guardian; or~~

~~(b) A college advisor; and~~

~~(ii) Include:~~

~~(a) An endorsed concurrent enrollment course or certificate program that is relevant to the student's success plan; and~~

~~(b) Measures that ensure the successful completion of the endorsed concurrent enrollment course or certificate program in which the student is enrolled.~~

~~(b)(1) A student successfully completes an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or a course taken towards the completion of a certificate program under this subchapter if he or she completes the course or program and receives a minimum grade point average of 2.5.~~

~~(2)(A) A student who fails to successfully complete an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or a course taken towards the completion of a certificate program under this subchapter shall:~~

~~(i) Retain eligibility for a scholarship under this subchapter; and~~

~~(ii) Enroll in no more than one (1) endorsed concurrent enrollment course or course required for the completion of a certificate program for the first semester following the semester in which the student failed to successfully complete an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or course taken towards the completion of a certificate program.~~

~~(B) However, if a student fails an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or a course taken towards the completion of a certificate program under this subchapter a second time, the student shall be ineligible to reapply for a scholarship under this subchapter.~~

~~(c) A student whose enrollment in a vocational center is reimbursable under § 6-51-305 is not eligible for a scholarship under this subchapter.~~

~~6-85-404. Funding.~~

~~(a) For an academic year, Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarships under this subchapter shall be funded with any funds remaining after the Division of Higher Education allocates sufficient funding to award Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarships under § 6-85-301 et seq., at a level equivalent to the awards made in the previous academic year.~~

~~(b)(1) A scholarship under this subchapter shall not be awarded for an academic year if:~~

~~(A) Less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) is available under subsection (a) of this section; or~~

~~(B) The division received a loan from the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account under § 23-115-802 for the Arkansas Academic~~

1 ~~Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., for the previous academic~~
2 ~~year.~~

3 ~~(2) Any funds under subsection (a) of this section that are not~~
4 ~~disbursed for scholarships under this subchapter shall be carried over to the~~
5 ~~next academic year to be used for scholarships under this subchapter.~~

6
7 ~~6-85-405. Distribution — Award amounts.~~

8 ~~(a) If funds are available, the Division of Higher Education shall~~
9 ~~award Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarships to all students who meet the~~
10 ~~requirements under this subchapter.~~

11 ~~(b)(1) The division shall distribute scholarships from the funds~~
12 ~~available in an equal amount to every approved institution of higher~~
13 ~~education that has enrolled a student eligible to receive a scholarship under~~
14 ~~this subchapter.~~

15 ~~(2) The maximum scholarship award a student may receive in an~~
16 ~~academic year shall be the lesser of:~~

17 ~~(A)(i) Five hundred dollars (\$500).~~

18 ~~(ii) A scholarship awarded to a student who is~~
19 ~~eligible under § 6-85-403 shall be awarded in the amount of one hundred~~
20 ~~twenty-five dollars (\$125) for each endorsed concurrent enrollment credit~~
21 ~~course or certificate program in which the eligible student is enrolled, up~~
22 ~~to two (2) endorsed concurrent enrollment credit courses or certificate~~
23 ~~programs per semester; or~~

24 ~~(B) The tuition and mandatory fees of the endorsed~~
25 ~~concurrent credit course or certificate program.~~

26 ~~(3) A scholarship granted under this section may be awarded in~~
27 ~~addition to any funds received for the enrollment in an endorsed concurrent~~
28 ~~enrollment course under § 6-16-1204(e)(3).~~

29 ~~(4) Unless a student's high school or community-based program~~
30 ~~provides financial assistance for the cost of tuition and mandatory fees for~~
31 ~~an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or certificate program, the~~
32 ~~remaining cost of tuition and mandatory fees for an endorsed concurrent~~
33 ~~enrollment course or certificate program is the responsibility of the~~
34 ~~eligible student who is enrolled in the endorsed concurrent enrollment course~~
35 ~~or certificate program.~~

1 ~~6-85-406. Rules.~~

2 ~~The Division of Higher Education shall promulgate rules to implement~~
3 ~~this subchapter.~~

4
5 SECTION 89. Arkansas Code § 6-85-502(b)(5), concerning the amount of
6 net proceeds to fund scholarships under the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge
7 Scholarship Program used for the lottery fiscal impact statement, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (5) The amount of net proceeds that was necessary to fund scholarships
10 under the ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~
11 ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., during each
12 of the last four (4) years immediately preceding the year in which the
13 proposed bill is being considered, listed separately;

14
15 SECTION 90. Arkansas Code § 6-85-502(b)(7)(C), concerning the
16 comparison of the year with the highest amount of net proceeds necessary to
17 fund scholarships under the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship
18 Program, is amended to read as follows:

19 (C) The year with the highest amount of net proceeds
20 necessary to fund scholarships under the ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge~~
21 ~~Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, §
22 6-85-701 et seq., as determined under subdivision (b)(5) of this section; and

23
24 SECTION 91. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 85, is amended to add an
25 additional subchapter to read as follows:

26 Subchapter – 7 ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program

27
28 6-85-701 Creation.

29 There is created the ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program.

30
31 6-85-702. Definitions.

32 As used in this subchapter:

33 (1) “Approved institution of higher education” means an
34 institution of higher education that:

35 (A) Is approved by the Division of Higher Education to
36 participate in the ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program; and

1 (B) Is a:

2 (i) State-supported two-year or four-year
3 institution of higher education; or

4 (ii) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year
5 institution of higher education that has its primary headquarters located in
6 Arkansas and is eligible to receive Title IV federal student aid funds;

7 (2)(A) "Certificate program" means a program that is offered or
8 made available to a student by an approved institution of higher education
9 that leads to the obtainment of a certification or license.

10 (B) "Certificate program" does not include a program that
11 is operated or sponsored by a third party;

12 (3)(A) "Concurrent credit course" means a course as defined in
13 § 6-16-1202.

14 (B) "Concurrent credit course" does not include a program
15 that is operated or sponsored by a third party; and

16 (4) "Eligible student" means a student enrolled in grade ten
17 (10), grade eleven (11), or grade twelve (12) at a public high school in
18 Arkansas.

19
20 6-85-703. Eligibility.

21 (a) A student is eligible to be awarded a scholarship under this
22 subchapter for an academic semester or academic year during which the student
23 is enrolled in a concurrent credit course if the student is eligible to
24 enroll in the concurrent credit course under § 6-16-1204(a)(5).

25 (b) Scholarship funds shall not be used for courses at a vocational
26 center that are reimbursable under § 6-51-305.

27 (c) A student is not eligible for a scholarship under this subchapter
28 if the student is enrolled in a concurrent credit course that may be funded
29 under § 6-18-2506.

30
31 6-85-704. Funding.

32 (a) For an academic year, the following shall be used to fund
33 scholarships under this subchapter:

34 (1) Excess funding returned to the Office of the Arkansas
35 Lottery under § 6-85-212(d)(2)(B)(i) from the previous academic year; and

36 (2) Net proceeds remaining from the previous academic year after

1 the office transfers the funds requested by the Division of Higher Education
2 under § 23-115-801(c)(2).

3 (b)(1) A scholarship under this subchapter shall not be awarded for an
4 academic year if:

5 (A) Less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars
6 (\$250,000) is available under subsection (a) of this section; or

7 (B) The division received a loan from the Scholarship
8 Shortfall Reserve Trust Account under § 23-115-802 for the Arkansas Academic
9 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., for the previous academic
10 year.

11 (2) Any funds under subsection (a) of this section that are not
12 disbursed for scholarships under this subchapter shall be carried over to the
13 next academic year to be used for scholarships under this subchapter.

14
15 6-85-705. Distribution – Award Amounts.

16 (a) If funds are available, the Division of Higher Education shall
17 award an ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship to all eligible students who meet
18 the requirements under this subchapter.

19 (b)(1) The division shall distribute scholarships from the funds
20 available in an equal amount to every approved institution of higher
21 education that has enrolled a student eligible to receive a scholarship under
22 this subchapter.

23 (2) A scholarship awarded to a student who is eligible under §
24 6-85-703 shall be awarded in the amount of sixty-five dollars (\$65) per
25 concurrent credit course hour in which the eligible student is enrolled, for
26 a maximum of fifteen (15) concurrent credit course hours per semester.

27 (3) The maximum scholarship amount a student may be awarded in
28 an academic year, including summer semesters, shall not exceed two thousand
29 dollars (\$2,000).

30 (c)(1) A state-supported two-year or four-year institution of higher
31 education may offer a reduced tuition rate for concurrent credit courses
32 offered by the state-supported institution of higher education to eligible
33 students under this subchapter.

34 (2) The reduction in tuition under subdivision (c)(1) of this
35 section shall not be considered an institutional scholarship.

1 6-85-706. Rules.

2 The Division of Higher Education may promulgate rules to implement this
3 subchapter.

4
5 SECTION 92. Arkansas Code § 20-7-133(b)(2), concerning members
6 appointed by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to the
7 Child Health Advisory Committee, is amended to read as follows:

8 (2) The Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education shall
9 appoint:

10 (A) One (1) member to represent the Division of Elementary
11 and Secondary Education;

12 (B) One (1) member to represent the ~~Arkansas School~~
13 ~~Nutrition Association~~ Child Nutrition Unit;

14 (C) One (1) ~~member to represent the Arkansas School Nurses~~
15 ~~Association~~ public school nurse;

16 (D) One (1) ~~member to represent the Arkansas Association~~
17 ~~of Educational Administrators~~ public school administrator;

18 (E) One (1) ~~member to represent the Arkansas PTA of a~~
19 public school district parent-teacher association;

20 (F) One (1) ~~member to represent the Arkansas School Boards~~
21 ~~Association~~ of a public school district board of directors;

22 (G) One (1) ~~member to represent the Arkansas Association~~
23 ~~of School Business Officials~~ public school district finance employee; and

24 (H) ~~One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Association~~
25 ~~for Supervision and Curriculum Development~~ Two (2) public school licensed
26 educators; and

27 ~~(I) One (1) member who is a classroom teacher.~~

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29 SECTION 93. Arkansas Code § 21-5-703(c), concerning the award of
30 scholarship benefits by the Arkansas State Claims Commission during the claims
31 process for death benefits of public employees, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 (c) Unless ~~§ 6-82-504(e)~~ § 6-82-2505(e) is applicable, the commission
34 shall award any scholarship benefit provided by the provisions of ~~§ 6-82-501~~
35 ~~et seq.~~ the Arkansas Heroes Scholarship Act, § 6-82-2501 et seq., at the same
36 time any death benefit or total and permanent disability benefit is awarded

1 under this subchapter.

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3 SECTION 94. Arkansas Code § 21-5-705(a)(3)(B)(i), concerning the
4 maximum death benefit paid to a designated beneficiary or survivor of certain
5 public employees killed in the line of duty, is amended to read as follows:

6 (i) A maximum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars
7 (\$150,000) per individual death, including educational benefits provided in §
8 ~~6-82-501 et seq.~~ the Arkansas Heroes Scholarship Act, § 6-82-2501 et seq.;
9 and

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11 SECTION 95. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 23-115-
12 801(b)(1)(B)(i), concerning the establishment of the Lottery Scholarship
13 Trust Account by the Office of the Arkansas Lottery, is amended to read as
14 follows:

15 (B)(i) The office shall establish the Lottery Scholarship
16 Trust Account as required under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section to fund
17 the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., the
18 Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq., ~~the~~
19 ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to
20 Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., and any other
21 scholarship funded with net proceeds from the state lottery in a financial
22 institution into which the office shall transfer:

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24 SECTION 96. Arkansas Code § 23-115-801(b)(1)(B)(ii) and (iii),
25 concerning funding of the Lottery Scholarship Trust Account by the Office of
26 the Arkansas Lottery, are amended to read as follows:

27 (ii) The funds transferred by the office into the
28 Lottery Scholarship Trust Account for the Arkansas Academic Challenge
29 Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., the Arkansas Workforce Challenge
30 Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq., ~~the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge~~
31 ~~Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, §
32 6-85-701 et seq., and any other scholarship funded with net proceeds from the
33 state lottery as established under subdivision (b)(1)(B)(i) of this section
34 shall be used for:

- 35 (a) Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarships;
36 (b) Any management fees charged by the

1 financial institution to manage the trust account for scholarship award
2 supplements;

3 (c) ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarships~~
4 ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarships;

5 (d) Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships;
6 and

7 (e) Any other scholarship funded with net
8 proceeds from the state lottery.

9 (iii) Annually, the office shall transfer to the
10 division the funds from the previous academic year, if any, that were
11 transferred by the office into the Lottery Scholarship Trust Account
12 established under subdivision (b)(1)(B)(i) of this section for distribution
13 of Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships, Arkansas Workforce Challenge
14 Scholarships, ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge~~ ACCESS to Acceleration
15 Scholarships, and any other scholarship funded with net proceeds from the
16 state lottery.

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18 SECTION 97. Arkansas Code § 23-115-801(c)(1)(C), concerning the
19 scholarship programs that the Commissioner of the Division of Higher
20 Education is required to certify funding for, is amended to read as follows:

21 (C) ~~The Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program,~~
22 ~~§ 6-85-401 et seq.,~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et
23 seq.; and

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25 SECTION 98. Arkansas Code § 23-115-801(c)(2)(D)(ii)(a), concerning the
26 distribution to recipients if funds remain after award of all scholarships
27 under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Program, is amended to read as follows:

28 (ii)(a) If available funds remain after the award of
29 all scholarships under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Program, § 6-85-201 et
30 seq., then the available funds shall be distributed to recipients of
31 scholarships under the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-
32 85-301 et seq., ~~and the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, §~~
33 ~~6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., on a
34 pro rata basis as determined by the division.

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36 SECTION 99. Arkansas Code § 23-115-802(c)(2) and (3), concerning the

1 process of using the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account if net
2 proceeds are insufficient to meet scholarship funding, are amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(3)(B) of this section,
5 the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account shall not be drawn upon to
6 fund Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarships under the Arkansas Workforce
7 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq., ~~Arkansas Concurrent~~
8 ~~Challenge Scholarships under the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship~~
9 ~~Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et
10 seq., or any other scholarship funded with net proceeds from the state
11 lottery.

12 (3)(A) Determining the maximum amount of loans from the
13 Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account to the Arkansas Academic
14 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., the Arkansas Workforce
15 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq., ~~or the Arkansas Concurrent~~
16 ~~Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship
17 Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This
18 is usually accomplished by the General Assembly's delineating such funding
19 allocations for the various scholarship programs, with the approval of the
20 Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council and through
21 oversight as required by law by the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee of the
22 Legislative Council. Further, the General Assembly determines that the
23 Division of Higher Education may operate more efficiently with some
24 flexibility, therefore it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
25 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative
26 Council or the Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section.

27 (B) If the division determines it is necessary to borrow
28 from the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account to fund scholarships
29 under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et
30 seq., the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et
31 seq., ~~or the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401 et~~
32 ~~seq.,~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., the
33 division shall first obtain review and approval from the Legislative Council
34 or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.

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36 SECTION 100. DO NOT CODIFY. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of

this act or the application of this act to any person or circumstance is held
invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of
this act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or
application, and to this end, the provisions of this act are declared
severable.

/s/M. Shepherd

APPROVED: 3/18/25

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1917

By: Representatives M. Shepherd, Evans
By: Senator Hester

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS STUDENT-ATHLETE
PUBLICITY RIGHTS ACT; TO AMEND THE LAW RELATED TO
ATHLETIC PROGRAM FUNDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS STUDENT-ATHLETE
PUBLICITY RIGHTS ACT; AND TO AMEND THE
LAW RELATED TO ATHLETIC PROGRAM FUNDING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 4-75-1303 – 4-75-1305 are amended to read
as follows:

4-75-1303. Right to compensation.

(a) Except as prohibited in this subchapter, a student-athlete shall
have the right to enter into a contract and receive compensation for the
commercial use of the student-athlete's publicity rights.

(b) An institution of higher education, its supporting foundations, or
its authorized entities may ~~identify~~:

(1) Identify, create, facilitate, and otherwise enable
opportunities for a student-athlete to earn compensation for the commercial
use of the student-athlete's publicity rights;

(2) Compensate a student-athlete for the commercial use of the
student-athlete's publicity rights; and

(3) Enter into an exclusive or nonexclusive license agreement
with a student-athlete for the commercial use of the student-athlete's
publicity rights.



~~(c)(1) A charitable organization that qualifies as an exempt organization under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), as it existed on January 1, 2023, shall have the right to compensate student athletes for the commercial use of the student athlete's publicity rights.~~

~~(d) Except as provided in this subchapter or applicable federal law, an institution of higher education shall not uphold any rule, requirement, standard, or other limitation of an athletic association or athletic conference that prevents a student athlete from earning compensation for the commercial use of the student athlete's publicity rights~~ An institution of higher education in this state may revoke or rescind an agreement or commitment to provide compensation, a grant-in-aid, or other benefit to a student-athlete who receives or agrees to receive compensation that conflicts with a term or condition of a contract, policy, rule, regulation, or standard of the student-athlete's committed or enrolled institution of higher education.

(2) The institution of higher education and officers, agents, and employees of the institution of higher education shall not be liable for damages or be subjected to any injunctive relief by a court as a consequence of the revocation or rescission of an agreement under subdivision (c)(1) of this section.

~~(e) Earning compensation for the commercial use of a student athlete's publicity rights shall not affect the student athlete's scholarship eligibility.~~

~~(f)(d)~~ (d) An athletic association, athletic conference, or any other organization with authority over varsity intercollegiate athletics shall not:

(1) Prevent a student-athlete from receiving compensation for the commercial use of the student-athlete's publicity rights under this subchapter;

(2) Penalize a student-athlete for receiving compensation for the commercial use of the student-athlete's publicity rights under this subchapter unless expressly agreed by an institution of higher education as a condition of athletic association or conference membership or as otherwise provided by applicable federal law; or

(3) Prevent an institution of higher education from participating in varsity intercollegiate athletics, or otherwise penalize an institution of higher education, as a result of a student-athlete's receipt

1 of compensation under this subchapter unless expressly agreed by an
2 institution of higher education as a condition of athletic association or
3 conference membership or as otherwise provided by applicable federal law.

4 (e) Income received by a student-athlete from an institution of higher
5 education as compensation for the use of his or her name, image, or likeness
6 or as a percentage of institutional athletic revenue permitted by the
7 institution of higher education's governing athletic association or
8 conference under this subchapter is exempt from state income tax.

9 (f) Personal or financial information of a student-athlete contained
10 in an agreement authorized under this subchapter is confidential and not
11 subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-
12 101 et seq.

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14 4-75-1304. Conflicts.

15 (a) A third-party licensee or student-athlete shall not enter into a
16 contract for the commercial use of the student-athlete's publicity rights if
17 the contract:

18 (1) Requires the student-athlete to endorse, use, solicit, sell,
19 market, advertise, promote, refer to, mention, display, or otherwise promote
20 the name, image, logo, product, service, purpose, campaign, business, digital
21 or physical address, or location of any third-party licensee or commercial
22 entity during a varsity intercollegiate athletic practice, competition, or
23 other activity without the written authorization from the student-athlete's
24 committed or enrolled institution of higher education;

25 (2) Conflicts with a term or condition of a contract, policy,
26 rule, regulation, or standard of the student-athlete's committed or enrolled
27 institution of higher education; or

28 (3) Involves the student-athlete's performance or lack of
29 performance in athletic competition without the written authorization from
30 the student-athlete's committed or enrolled institution of higher education.

31 (b) A contract in violation of this subchapter is void and
32 unenforceable.

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34 4-75-1305. Representation.

35 (a) An agent, athlete agent, financial advisor, or attorney who is
36 providing professional representation of a student-athlete shall be licensed,

as applicable, in this state.

~~(b) An institution of higher education, athletic association, athletic conference, or other organization with authority over varsity intercollegiate athletics shall not prevent a student athlete from participating in a varsity intercollegiate sport, or otherwise penalize a student athlete, for obtaining professional representation in connection with an opportunity to earn compensation for the commercial use of the student athlete's publicity rights.~~

~~(c)~~ A student-athlete may rescind a publicity rights contract with a third-party licensee or a contract for professional representation related to publicity rights without being held liable for breach of contract and with no obligation to return payments received before giving notice of rescission if the ~~student-athlete~~:

(1) Student-athlete is no longer eligible to participate in any varsity intercollegiate athletics program at an institution of higher education; or

(2) Individual providing professional representation is not licensed in this state.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 4-75-1307(a)(5), concerning that the Arkansas Student-Athlete Publicity Rights Act does not render a student-athlete an employee of the institution of higher education, is amended to read as follows:

(5)(A) Render student-athletes employees of the institution of higher education based on participation in varsity intercollegiate athletic competition.

(B) A student-athlete has not been and shall not be considered an employee of an institution of higher education, a conference, or an association for purposes of or as a basis for imposing liability or awarding damages or other monetary relief under any state law based on the student-athlete's receipt of compensation or of any payments or benefits, other than payment of hourly wages and benefits for work actually performed and not for participation in intercollegiate athletics, at a rate commensurate with the applicable rate in the locality of the institution of higher education for similar work or any of the following:

(i) Participation in intercollegiate athletic

1 competition;

2 (ii) Membership on any varsity sports team; or

3 (iii) Imposition of requirements, controls or
 4 restrictions on student-athletes by institutions of higher education, in
 5 connection with participation in intercollegiate athletic activities,
 6 practices, and competition.

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 8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 4-75-1307, concerning the scope of
 9 the Arkansas Student-Athlete Publicity Rights Act, is amended to add an
 10 additional subsection to read as follows:

11 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary, the
 12 release of or license to use purported name, image, and likeness rights or a
 13 name, image, and likeness agreement shall not be required from or with any
 14 individual or group of participants in a sports game, contest, or event or
 15 spectators at a sports game, contest, or event for audiovisual, audio, or
 16 visual broadcasts, rebroadcasts, or other distributions of the sports game,
 17 contest, or event.

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 19 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 4-75-1308(d), concerning liability under
 20 the Arkansas Student-Athlete Publicity Rights Act, is amended to read as
 21 follows:

22 (d) An institution of higher education, located within this state or
 23 its employees, a supporting foundation or authorized entity, an athletic
 24 association, a conference, or other organization with authority over varsity
 25 intercollegiate athletics located within this state, including athletics
 26 coaching staff, shall not be liable for any damages related to an subject to
 27 liability to a person or an entity as a result of:

28 (1) An intercollegiate student-athlete's ability or inability to
 29 earn compensation for the use of the student-athlete's name, image, or
 30 likeness resulting from decisions and actions routinely taken within the
 31 course of their employment in related to intercollegiate athletics;

32 (2) The adoption of, agreement to, enforcement of, or compliance
 33 with any rule or bylaw of an association or conference that does not violate
 34 this subchapter limiting or prohibiting a student-athlete from receiving
 35 compensation from an association, conference, institution, or other person or
 36 entity;

(3) Restricting or curtailing the eligibility for an intercollegiate athletics competition of a student-athlete who violates this subchapter or a rule of the institution of higher education, association, or conference implementing the requirements of this subchapter; or

(4) Complying with an agreement, understanding, rule, or bylaw adopted by an institution of higher education, conference, or association or a combination of conferences or institutions of higher education that is otherwise reasonably contemplated under this subchapter.

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 4-75-1308, concerning the civil remedies available under the Arkansas Student-Athlete Publicity Rights Act, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) This subchapter does not waive any immunity or statutory protection available to or constitutional autonomy of an institution of higher education located within the state or an officer, agent, or employee of the institution of higher education.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-62-803 is amended to read as follows:
6-62-803. Limits on funding.

(a) For the certification required under § 6-62-805, the amount allowed to be budgeted of unrestricted educational and general funds for intercollegiate athletic programs at a state-supported institution ~~institutions~~ of higher education shall be limited to an amount ~~established:~~

(1) Established by the Division of Higher Education for the fiscal year 2012-2013; ~~or an~~

(2) An amount of not more than ~~two percent (2%)~~ four percent (4%) of the actual total unrestricted educational and general revenues of the previous fiscal year at ~~institutions~~ the state-supported institution of higher education.

(b) The division shall annually adjust the allowable transfer based upon the Consumer Price Index.

(c) This section shall not apply to ~~expenditures:~~

(1) An expenditure related to compliance with § 6-60-111 or increased compliance under 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f), ~~nor the;~~

(2) The transfer of funds necessary to support women's athletic programs; or

1 (3) The transfer of funds necessary to:

2 (A) Comply with federal regulations affecting athletics
3 programs; or

4 (B) Make up shortfalls in anticipated revenues due to
5 third-party litigation settlements affecting athletics programs.

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7 SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. Arkansas Code § 4-75-1303(e) of Section 1
8 of this act is effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025.

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Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 1014 of the Regular Session

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2003

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REVENUE STABILIZATION LAW; TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE REVENUE STABILIZATION LAW;
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to amend the Revenue
Stabilization Law.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 19-5-401 is amended to read as follows:
19-5-401. Allocations for fiscal year 2025-2026 and thereafter.
Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and each fiscal year
thereafter, the Treasurer of State shall transfer all remaining general
revenues available for distribution on the last day of business in July 2025,
and on the last day of business in each calendar month thereafter during the
fiscal year to the various funds and fund accounts participating in general
revenues in the proportions of the maximum allocation as the individual
allocation to the fund or fund account bears to the total of the maximum
allocation as provided in § 19-5-402 (a).

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 19-5-402 is amended to read as follows:
19-5-402. Maximum allocations of revenues for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
thereafter.
(a) ALLOCATION A. The Treasurer of State shall first make monthly allocations



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in the proportions set out in this subsection to the funds and fund accounts listed below until there has been transferred a total of six billion four hundred ninety three million nine hundred ninety eight thousand nine hundred eighty-one dollars (\$6,493,998,981) or so much thereof as may become available; provided, that the Treasurer of State shall make such monthly allocations in accordance with each fund or fund account's proportionate part of the total of all such allocations set forth in this subsection:

Name of Fund or Fund Account	Maximum Allocation
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PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

(1) Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Public School Fund Account	\$2,443,582,431
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(2) State Library Public School Fund Account	\$ 5,641,919
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(3) Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account	\$ 26,883,872
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(4) Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account - Adult Education	\$ 8,489,176
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GENERAL EDUCATION FUND

(1) Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Fund Account	\$ 18,282,199
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(2) Educational Facilities Partnership Fund Account	\$ -
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(3) Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Fund Account	\$ 3,052,280
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(4) Educational Television Fund Account	\$ 5,986,636
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(5) School for the Blind Fund Account	\$ 8,392,869
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(6) School for the Deaf Fund Account	\$ 12,098,079
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(7) State Library Fund Account	\$ 3,923,088
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(8) Division of Career and Technical Education Fund Account	\$ -
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(9) Rehabilitation Services Fund Account	\$ 11,942,101
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(10) Child Care Grant Fund Account	\$ 7,056,193
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(11) Child Care and Early Childhood Education Fund Account	\$ 2,589,553
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Technical Institutes:

(12) Northwest Technical Institute Fund Account	\$ 3,388,836
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FUND

(1) Department of Human Services Administration	
Fund Account	\$ 25,037,046
(2) Children and Family Services Fund Account	139,733,393
(3) Youth Services Fund Account	53,431,260
(4) Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account	65,603,057
(5) Medical Services Fund Account	2,564,587
(6) Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account	1,402,725,705
(7) Behavioral Health Services Fund Account	104,981,456
(8) Provider Services and Quality Assurance Fund	
Account	5,998,017
(9) County Operations Fund Account	58,700,789

STATE GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUND

(1) Division of Arkansas Heritage Fund Account	\$ 7,755,838
(2) Department of Agriculture Fund Account	19,870,371
(3) Department of Labor and Licensing Fund Account	4,019,479
(4) Division of Higher Education Fund Account	12,066,588
(5) Higher Education Grants Fund Account	43,619,625
(6) Arkansas Economic Development Commission	
Fund Account	20,660,189
(7) Division of Correction Inmate Care	
and Custody Fund Account	343,674,492
(8) Division of Correction Inmate Care	
and Custody Fund Account - Medical Contract	139,398,915
(9) Division of Community Correction Fund Account	107,773,354
(10) Department of the Military Fund Account	8,931,344
(11) Parks and Tourism Fund Account	22,082,257
(12) Division of Environmental Quality	
Fund Account	4,297,361
(13) Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account	83,280,732

COUNTY AID FUND	\$ 21,428,616
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COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT FUND	\$ 34,800,000
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CRIME INFORMATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 2,204,581
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1	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND	\$ 13,288,801
2	PUBLIC HEALTH FUND	\$ 82,752,300
3	PERFORMANCE FUND	\$ 3,150,000
4	MOTOR VEHICLE ACQUISITION REVOLVING FUND	\$ -
5	MUNICIPAL AID FUND	\$ 29,372,099
6	DIVISION OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE FUND	\$ 94,140,872
7	DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FUND-NEW HIRE REGISTRY	\$ 150,000
8	DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FUND-ADULT EDUCATION	\$ 1,057,391
9	DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FUND-MANUFACTURING	
10	EXTENSION NETWORK	\$ 679,545
11	STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND FUND	\$ 1,972,456
12	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 3,608,348
13	ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT FUND	\$ 187,487,318
14	SUSTAINABLE BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR STATE-	
15	SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVOLVING LOAN	
16	FUND	\$ 2,881,420
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18	INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION	
19	(1) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 62,862,957
20	(2) ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 35,628,929
21	(3) HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 18,457,299
22	(4) SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 17,733,361
23	(5) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$ 136,032,727
24	(6) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-UA SYSTEM	\$ 3,479,474
25	(7) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY	\$ 2,369,274
26	(8) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-DIVISION OF	
27	AGRICULTURE	\$ 65,800,138
28	(9) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-CLINTON SCHOOL	\$ 2,336,896
29	(10) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
30	INSTITUTE	\$ 2,458,634
31	(11) SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCES, AND ARTS FUND	\$ 1,133,048
32	(12) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FORT SMITH FUND	\$ 20,886,786
33	(13) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK FUND	\$ 58,929,169
34	(14) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND	\$ 93,012,881
35	(15) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -	
36	CHILD ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	\$ 350,000

1	(16) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -	
2	PEDIATRICS/PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH	\$ 1,985,100
3	(17) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -	
4	INDIGENT CARE	\$ 5,438,340
5	(18) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO FUND	\$ 16,362,815
6	(19) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF FUND	\$ 21,464,639
7	(20) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF FUND - 1890	
8	LAND GRANT STATE MATCH	\$ 5,800,000
9	(21) UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS FUND	\$ 55,018,565
10	(22) ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE FUND	\$ 8,845,933
11	(23) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE FUND	\$ 11,333,296
12	(24) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MOUNTAIN HOME FUND	\$ 3,571,700
13	(25) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT FUND	\$ 6,451,670
14	(26) COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY	
15	OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$ 3,750,333
16	(27) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY	
17	COLLEGE FUND	\$ 8,708,498
18	(28) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH FUND	\$ 4,058,019
19	(29) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH FUND - ADTEC	\$ 1,527,000
20	(30) NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE FUND	\$ 8,995,082
21	(31) NORTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$ 7,529,669
22	(32) NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUND	\$ 11,479,213
23	(33) PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY	
24	OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$ 8,756,310
25	(34) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT RICH	
26	MOUNTAIN FUND	\$ 3,656,930
27	(35) SAU-TECH FUND	\$ 5,525,530
28	(36) SAU-TECH FUND-ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY	\$ 375,036
29	(37) SAU-TECH FUND-FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY	\$ 1,780,943
30	(38) SOUTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$ 5,962,675
31	(39) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT	
32	BATESVILLE FUND	\$ 4,318,464
33	(40) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT	
34	HOPE-TEXARKANA FUND	\$ 4,554,683
35	(41) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT	
36	MORRILTON FUND	\$ 5,073,879

1	(42) BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE FUND	\$ 7,187,648
2	(43) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS FUND	\$ 3,347,546
3	(44) OZARKA COLLEGE FUND	\$ 3,183,318
4	(45) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE	
5	FUND	\$ 14,694,332
6	(46) SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$ 5,301,408

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8 SECTION 4. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED

9 SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DUPLICATE ACTS. If the

10 House bill to amend the Revenue Stabilization Law and the Senate bill to

11 amend the Revenue Stabilization Law of the 2025 Regular Session of the 95th

12 General Assembly are both enacted and adopted by the 95th General Assembly in

13 identical form, then the last Act passed or latest expression shall supersede

14 the other.

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16 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

17 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that changes in the state's fiscal

18 laws must take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year; and that it is

19 necessary for this act to become effective on July 1, 2025, to avoid a lapse

20 in critical and essential services that the state government provides to the

21 citizens of this state at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Therefore,

22 an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the

23 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective

24 on July 1, 2025.

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27 **APPROVED: 4/22/25**

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 636

By: Senator J. Dismang
By: Representative Jean

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO TRANSFER FUNDS; DEFINE THE MONIES TO BE
AVAILABLE IN THE RESTRICTED RESERVE FUND; AND TO
ALLOW THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR
STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTITUTIONS; TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO TRANSFER FUNDS; DEFINE THE
MONIES TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE RESTRICTED
RESERVE FUND; AND ALLOW ADDITIONAL FUNDS
TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR STATE
DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS;
AND TO DECLARE AND EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings – Nonseverability.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and funding
for a state agency or institution each fiscal year is the prerogative of the
General Assembly;

(2) Determining the maximum amount of appropriation and funding
for a state agency or institution is usually accomplished by delineating the
maximum amounts in the appropriation acts for the state agency or
institution, authorizing the distribution of unobligated funds, and in the
general revenue allocations authorized for each relevant fund and fund
account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.;



1 (3) The Restricted Reserve Fund has established procedures for
 2 the transfer of funds to various funds and fund accounts for the efficient
 3 and effective operation of state government; and

4 (4) It is necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly
 5 maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or,
 6 if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, as
 7 provided in § 19-5-1263(c).

8 (b) The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or if the
 9 General Assembly is in session the Joint Budget Committee, is not a severable
 10 part of § 19-5-1263. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative
 11 Council or if the General Assembly is in session the Joint Budget Committee,
 12 is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, § 19-5-1263
 13 (c)(d) and (e) are void in their entirety.

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 15 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. TRANSFERS TO THE RESTRICTED RESERVE FUND.
 16 Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, as soon thereafter as is
 17 practical or as authorized in this Section the State Treasurer shall transfer
 18 and credit to the "Restricted Reserve Fund", upon certification of the
 19 amounts thereof by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the following:

20 (a)(1) All unobligated monies in the EBD or Contingency Set-Aside in the
 21 Restricted Reserve Fund as established in Section 3(a)(19) of Act 561 of
 22 2023;

23 (2) All unobligated monies in the Adequacy Set-Aside in the
 24 Restricted Reserve Fund as established in Section 3(b)(3) of Act 561 of 2023;

25 (3) All unobligated monies in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs
 26 Act Grants Matching Set-Aside as established in Section 3(a)(4) of Act 561 of
 27 2023; and

28 (4) All unobligated monies in the Law Enforcement Stipends Set-Aside
 29 in the Restricted Reserve Fund as established in Section 3(a)(27);

30 (b) All unobligated and unallocated monies remaining in the
 31 "Development and Enhancement Fund" on June 30, 2025 which are not required to
 32 finance projects to be financed therefrom pursuant to appropriations enacted
 33 by the General Assembly, or which have not been reappropriated or reallocated
 34 for financing from the "Development and Enhancement Fund" by the 95th General
 35 Assembly;

36 (c)(1) All General Revenue Funds recovered from remaining fund balances

1 in the "General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund" from monies accruing thereto
 2 during the 2023-2024 fiscal year which are not required to finance enactments
 3 of the 95th General Assembly that do not expire on June 30, 2024, including
 4 all General Revenue Funds recovered from remaining fund balances;

5 (2) Any unobligated or unallocated funds remaining on July 2, 2025 in
 6 the "General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund" which are not required to
 7 finance enactments of the 95th General Assembly that do not expire on June
 8 30, 2025, including all General Revenue Funds recovered from remaining fund
 9 balances;

10 (3) All General Revenue Funds recovered from remaining fund balances
 11 in the "General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund" which are not required to
 12 finance enactments of the 95th General Assembly that do not expire on June
 13 30, 2026, including all General Revenue Funds recovered from remaining fund
 14 balances;

15 (d) Those special revenues credited to the Development and Enhancement
 16 Fund from estate taxes as set out in Arkansas Code § 19-6-301(171); and

17 (e) Other revenues as may be transferred or authorized by law.

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 19 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. TRANSFERS, RESTRICTED RESERVE FUND
 20 DISTRIBUTION AND SET-ASIDES. After having made transfers as authorized in
 21 this Act, and after having transferred or set-aside the obligations as set
 22 out in §19-5-202(b)(2)(B)(iii) as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 23 the State, for those funds transferred and credited to the Restricted Reserve
 24 Fund as authorized in Section 2 of this Act, and that are unobligated for
 25 other Set-Asides established by the General Assembly, the State Treasurer
 26 shall transfer funds or establish sub-fund set-asides, or transfer funds to
 27 existing sub-fund set-asides in the Restricted Reserve Fund, referred to and
 28 established as "Set-Asides" in the Restrict Reserve fund herein, which shall
 29 be funded as funds are available:

30 (a) Set-Aside four hundred thirty-six million seven hundred ninety-four
 31 thousand four hundred thirty-three dollars (\$436,794,433) or so much as is
 32 available for the "Restricted Reserve Fund Set-Asides" as enumerated in
 33 subsections (a)(2) through (a)(12) of this section, not inclusive of funds
 34 authorized in subsection (a)(1) that is to be transferred effective upon
 35 passage and approval of this Act, for purpose as set out in each Set-Aside,
 36 to be funded in the following order;

1 (1) For a fund transfer upon the effective date of this subsection, the
2 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and
3 those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of one
4 hundred and thirty-six million dollars (\$136,000,000) from the General
5 Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the State Captive Insurance Program Trust
6 Fund;

7 (2) Medicaid Sustainability Set-Aside, for the Department of Human
8 Services for transfers from time to time as determined by the Chief Fiscal
9 Officer of the State for Medicaid Expenses, as authorized in 19-5-1263 (c),
10 in a sum not to exceed \$100,000,000;

11 (3) Children's Educational Freedom Account Set-Aside, for the Department
12 of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, for transfers
13 from time to time to the Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account
14 Fund, as authorized in 19-5-1263 (c), in a sum not to exceed \$90,000,000;

15 (4)(A) Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside, for
16 transfers from time to time as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
17 State, in a sum not to exceed \$45,994,433;

18 (B) Funds transferred to the Various General Discretionary Majority
19 Vote Set-Aside herein shall be in addition to those remaining balances
20 currently available as established in Section 3(a)(18) of Act 561 of 2023 and
21 any other funds made available by the General Assembly;

22 (C) Notwithstanding other provisions of law as set out in 19-5-1263(c)
23 the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside authorized in
24 subsections (a)(4) herein shall only require a majority affirmative vote as
25 set out in the rules of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee
26 during a legislative session of the General Assembly for prior approval of
27 all disbursements;

28 (5)(A) Educational Facilities Set-Aside, for the Department of Education -
29 Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, Educational
30 Facilities Partnership Fund Account, Academic Facilities Partnership Program,
31 as authorized in 19-5-1263 (c), in a sum not to exceed \$45,000,000;

32 (B) Funds transferred to the Educational Facilities Set-Aside herein
33 shall be in addition to those remaining balances currently available as
34 established in Section 3(a)(1) of Act 561 of 2023 and any other funds made
35 available by the General Assembly;

36 (C) All funds held in the Educational Facilities Set-Aside in the

1 Restricted Reserve Fund shall be invested and reinvested at the direction of
2 the State Board of Finance to maximize returns using any investments
3 authorized for use by the Treasurer of State; and Interest Earnings or other
4 earnings on moneys in the fund shall be allocated and retained in addition to
5 existing balances in the Educational Facilities Set-Aside;

6 (6)(A) Teacher Academy Scholarship Set-Aside, for the Department of
7 Education - Division of Higher Education, for transfers from time to time for
8 the Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program Fund, as authorized in 19-5-
9 1263 (c), in a sum not to exceed \$12,000,000;

10 (B) Funds transferred to the Teacher Academy Scholarship Set-Aside
11 herein shall be in addition to those remaining balances currently available
12 as established in Sections 3(a)(8) and 3(b)(4) of Act 561 of 2023 and any
13 other funds made available by the General Assembly;

14 (7)(A) Motor Vehicle Set-Aside, for transfers from time to time as
15 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, as authorized in 19-5-
16 1263 (c), in a sum not to exceed \$4,700,000;

17 (B) Funds transferred to the Motor Vehicle Set-Aside herein shall be in
18 addition to those remaining balances currently available as established in
19 Sections 3(a)(9) of Act 561 of 2023 and any other funds made available by the
20 General Assembly;

21 (8) Economic Stimulus Programs Set-Aside, for transfers from time to time
22 to the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission to
23 fund or fund accounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
24 for Site Infrastructure Grants and Economic Stimulus Activities throughout
25 the state, as authorized in 19-5-1263 (c), in a sum not to exceed
26 \$50,000,000;

27 (9) Arkansas School for the Deaf/Blind Set-Aside, for transfers from time
28 to time as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, as authorized
29 in 19-5-1263 (c), in a sum not to exceed \$35,000,000;

30 (10) State Capitol HVAC Upgrade Set-Aside, for the Secretary of State, for
31 transfers from time to time as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
32 State, as authorized in 19-5-1263 (c), in a sum not to exceed \$9,100,000;

33 (11) For a transfer upon the effective date of this subsection, the Chief
34 Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of
35 the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of twenty-five
36 million dollars (\$25,000,000) to the Economic Development Incentive Quick

Action Closing Fund, for the Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission; and

(12) For a transfer upon the effective date of this subsection, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to the Arkansas Major Historic Rehabilitation Trust Fund, for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - Division of Arkansas Heritage.

(b) After all the disbursements, transfers, or funds deposited in Restricted Reserve Fund Set-Aside sub-funds as authorized in this Act, other enactments by the General Assembly for Restricted Reserve Fund Set-Asides or transfers out of the Restricted Reserve Fund to Fund or Fund Accounts are completed, any remaining unobligated balances, future collections, deposits, and transfers authorized in Section 2 of this Act shall be transferred and credited to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 19-5-905(a)(12), concerning the uses of the Securities Reserve Fund, is amended to read as follows:

(12) After all distributions and transfers under this section, less one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) under § 19-3-521(a)(2), for a transfer by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State on the last business day of the fiscal year for that fiscal year of the fund balances to the Catastrophe Reserve Fund shall be held in a sub-fund as necessary to be distributed as follows:

(A) On September 1, 2025:

(i) After any other transfers authorized by the General Assembly, the lesser of the remaining fund balance or twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) to the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities Grant Program Fund; and

(ii) Any remaining fund balance after the transfer under subdivision (a)(12)(A)(i) of this section to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund;

(B) On July 2, 2026:

(i) After any other transfers authorized by the General Assembly, the lesser of the remaining fund balance or twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) to the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities

1 Grant Program Fund; and

2 (ii) Any remaining fund balance after the transfer
 3 under subdivision (a)(12)(B)(i) of this section to the General Revenue
 4 Allotment Reserve Fund; and

5 (C) On July 1, 2027:

6 (i) After any other transfers authorized by the
 7 General Assembly, the lesser of the remaining fund balance or twenty-five
 8 million dollars (\$25,000,000) to the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities
 9 Grant Program Fund; and

10 (ii) Any remaining fund balance after the transfer
 11 under subdivision (a)(12)(C)(i) of this section to the General Revenue
 12 Allotment Reserve Fund; and

13 (D) For fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2028,
 14 on the last business day of the fiscal year the remaining fund balance to the
 15 General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

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 17 SECTION 5. DO NOT CODIFY. Conditions and Audit. (a) Transfer of funds
 18 from the "Restricted Reserve Fund" shall be made only after the Chief Fiscal
 19 Officer of the State has determined that all criteria or pre-conditions
 20 established in the appropriation act to receive the transfer have been met
 21 and that a Method of Finance has been filed with the Office of Accounting in
 22 the Department of Finance and Administration, if required.

23 (b) Any matching funds as may be provided in law shall be certified to
 24 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State prior to the commencement of the
 25 project.

26 (c) Any recipient of the funds appropriated herein are also subject to
 27 an audit by the Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing
 28 Committee in order to determine that the use of the funds was in compliance
 29 with the intent and appropriated purposes of the General Assembly.

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 31 SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. Funding Authority. (a) Any enactment of the
 32 95th General Assembly in either regular, fiscal or extraordinary session
 33 appropriating, transferring or allocating funds to the "Restricted Reserve
 34 Fund" may be deemed to be payable from the "Restricted Reserve Fund".

35 (b) Appropriations which are not enumerated in this Act may be
 36 financed from monies accruing to the "Restricted Reserve Fund" to fund

1 appropriations authorized by the General Assembly and as set out in law.

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3 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
4 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
5 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to allow transfers
7 which can provide an additional funding mechanism for the operation of state
8 departments, agencies and institutions of higher education, as well as to
9 address unforeseen needs of the state through the disbursement of state funds
10 with the Restricted Reserve Fund as authorized in this Act; with the
11 exception that Section 3 Subsection (a)(1) and Section 4 in this Act shall be
12 in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval,
13 and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in
14 the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025, with the exception that
15 Section 3 Subsection (a)(1) and Section 4 in this Act shall be in full force
16 and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, could work
17 irreparable harm upon the proper the proper transfer of funds, administration
18 and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is
19 hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force
21 and effect from and after July 1, 2025; with the exception that Section 3
22 Subsection (a)(1) and Section 4 in this Act shall be in full force and effect
23 from and after the date of its passage and approval.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 637

By: Senator J. Dismang
By: Representative Jean

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REVENUE STABILIZATION LAW; TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE REVENUE STABILIZATION LAW;
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to amend the Revenue
Stabilization Law.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 19-5-401 is amended to read as follows:
19-5-401. Allocations for fiscal year 2025-2026 and thereafter.
Commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and each fiscal year
thereafter, the Treasurer of State shall transfer all remaining general
revenues available for distribution on the last day of business in July 2025,
and on the last day of business in each calendar month thereafter during the
fiscal year to the various funds and fund accounts participating in general
revenues in the proportions of the maximum allocation as the individual
allocation to the fund or fund account bears to the total of the maximum
allocation as provided in § 19-5-402 (a).

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 19-5-402 is amended to read as follows:
19-5-402. Maximum allocations of revenues for fiscal year 2025-2026 and
thereafter.
(a) ALLOCATION A. The Treasurer of State shall first make monthly allocations



in the proportions set out in this subsection to the funds and fund accounts listed below until there has been transferred a total of six billion four hundred ninety three million nine hundred ninety eight thousand nine hundred eighty-one dollars (\$6,493,998,981) or so much thereof as may become available; provided, that the Treasurer of State shall make such monthly allocations in accordance with each fund or fund account's proportionate part of the total of all such allocations set forth in this subsection:

Name of Fund or Fund Account	Maximum Allocation
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PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

(1) Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Public School Fund Account	\$2,443,582,431
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(2) State Library Public School Fund Account	\$ 5,641,919
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(3) Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account	\$ 26,883,872
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(4) Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account - Adult Education	\$ 8,489,176
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GENERAL EDUCATION FUND

(1) Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Fund Account	\$ 18,282,199
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(2) Educational Facilities Partnership Fund Account	\$ -
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(3) Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Fund Account	\$ 3,052,280
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(4) Educational Television Fund Account	\$ 5,986,636
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(5) School for the Blind Fund Account	\$ 8,392,869
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(6) School for the Deaf Fund Account	\$ 12,098,079
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(7) State Library Fund Account	\$ 3,923,088
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(8) Division of Career and Technical Education Fund Account	\$ -
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(9) Rehabilitation Services Fund Account	\$ 11,942,101
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(10) Child Care Grant Fund Account	\$ 7,056,193
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(11) Child Care and Early Childhood Education Fund Account	\$ 2,589,553
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Technical Institutes:

(12) Northwest Technical Institute Fund Account	\$ 3,388,836
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FUND

(1) Department of Human Services Administration	
Fund Account	\$ 25,037,046
(2) Children and Family Services Fund Account	139,733,393
(3) Youth Services Fund Account	53,431,260
(4) Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account	65,603,057
(5) Medical Services Fund Account	2,564,587
(6) Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account	1,402,725,705
(7) Behavioral Health Services Fund Account	104,981,456
(8) Provider Services and Quality Assurance Fund	
Account	5,998,017
(9) County Operations Fund Account	58,700,789

STATE GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUND

(1) Division of Arkansas Heritage Fund Account	\$ 7,755,838
(2) Department of Agriculture Fund Account	19,870,371
(3) Department of Labor and Licensing Fund Account	4,019,479
(4) Division of Higher Education Fund Account	12,066,588
(5) Higher Education Grants Fund Account	43,619,625
(6) Arkansas Economic Development Commission	
Fund Account	20,660,189
(7) Division of Correction Inmate Care	
and Custody Fund Account	343,674,492
(8) Division of Correction Inmate Care	
and Custody Fund Account - Medical Contract	139,398,915
(9) Division of Community Correction Fund Account	107,773,354
(10) Department of the Military Fund Account	8,931,344
(11) Parks and Tourism Fund Account	22,082,257
(12) Division of Environmental Quality	
Fund Account	4,297,361
(13) Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account	83,280,732

COUNTY AID FUND	\$ 21,428,616
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COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT FUND	\$ 34,800,000
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CRIME INFORMATION SYSTEM FUND	\$ 2,204,581
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1	CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT FUND	\$ 13,288,801
2	PUBLIC HEALTH FUND	\$ 82,752,300
3	PERFORMANCE FUND	\$ 3,150,000
4	MOTOR VEHICLE ACQUISITION REVOLVING FUND	\$ -
5	MUNICIPAL AID FUND	\$ 29,372,099
6	DIVISION OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE FUND	\$ 94,140,872
7	DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FUND-NEW HIRE REGISTRY	\$ 150,000
8	DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FUND-ADULT EDUCATION	\$ 1,057,391
9	DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES FUND-MANUFACTURING	
10	EXTENSION NETWORK	\$ 679,545
11	STATE SERVICES FOR THE BLIND FUND	\$ 1,972,456
12	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 3,608,348
13	ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACCOUNT FUND	\$ 187,487,318
14	SUSTAINABLE BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR STATE-	
15	SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION REVOLVING LOAN	
16	FUND	\$ 2,881,420
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18	INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION	
19	(1) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 62,862,957
20	(2) ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 35,628,929
21	(3) HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 18,457,299
22	(4) SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 17,733,361
23	(5) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$ 136,032,727
24	(6) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-UA SYSTEM	\$ 3,479,474
25	(7) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY	\$ 2,369,274
26	(8) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-DIVISION OF	
27	AGRICULTURE	\$ 65,800,138
28	(9) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-CLINTON SCHOOL	\$ 2,336,896
29	(10) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FUND-CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
30	INSTITUTE	\$ 2,458,634
31	(11) SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCES, AND ARTS FUND	\$ 1,133,048
32	(12) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FORT SMITH FUND	\$ 20,886,786
33	(13) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK FUND	\$ 58,929,169
34	(14) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND	\$ 93,012,881
35	(15) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -	
36	CHILD ABUSE/RAPE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	\$ 350,000

1	(16) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -	
2	PEDIATRICS/PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH	\$ 1,985,100
3	(17) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEDICAL CENTER FUND -	
4	INDIGENT CARE	\$ 5,438,340
5	(18) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO FUND	\$ 16,362,815
6	(19) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF FUND	\$ 21,464,639
7	(20) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF FUND - 1890	
8	LAND GRANT STATE MATCH	\$ 5,800,000
9	(21) UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS FUND	\$ 55,018,565
10	(22) ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE FUND	\$ 8,845,933
11	(23) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE FUND	\$ 11,333,296
12	(24) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MOUNTAIN HOME FUND	\$ 3,571,700
13	(25) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT FUND	\$ 6,451,670
14	(26) COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY	
15	OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$ 3,750,333
16	(27) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY	
17	COLLEGE FUND	\$ 8,708,498
18	(28) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH FUND	\$ 4,058,019
19	(29) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MID-SOUTH FUND - ADTEC	\$ 1,527,000
20	(30) NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE FUND	\$ 8,995,082
21	(31) NORTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$ 7,529,669
22	(32) NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUND	\$ 11,479,213
23	(33) PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY	
24	OF ARKANSAS FUND	\$ 8,756,310
25	(34) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT RICH	
26	MOUNTAIN FUND	\$ 3,656,930
27	(35) SAU-TECH FUND	\$ 5,525,530
28	(36) SAU-TECH FUND-ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY	\$ 375,036
29	(37) SAU-TECH FUND-FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY	\$ 1,780,943
30	(38) SOUTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$ 5,962,675
31	(39) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT	
32	BATESVILLE FUND	\$ 4,318,464
33	(40) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT	
34	HOPE-TEXARKANA FUND	\$ 4,554,683
35	(41) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT	
36	MORRILTON FUND	\$ 5,073,879

(42) BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE FUND	\$ 7,187,648
(43) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS FUND	\$ 3,347,546
(44) OZARKA COLLEGE FUND	\$ 3,183,318
(45) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE FUND	\$ 14,694,332
(46) SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE FUND	\$ 5,301,408

SECTION 4. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DUPLICATE ACTS. If the House bill to amend the Revenue Stabilization Law and the Senate bill to amend the Revenue Stabilization Law of the 2025 Regular Session of the 95th General Assembly are both enacted and adopted by the 95th General Assembly in identical form, then the last Act passed or latest expression shall supersede the other.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that changes in the state's fiscal laws must take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year; and that it is necessary for this act to become effective on July 1, 2025, to avoid a lapse in critical and essential services that the state government provides to the citizens of this state at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

APPROVED: 4/22/25

Four-Year Institutions

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S3/31/25

95th General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 130

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Arkansas State University for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item		No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
	<u>ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - SYSTEM</u>		
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, Arkansas State University	1	\$435,855
(2)	Executive Vice President	1	\$273,183
(3)	Vice President	5	\$253,319



1	(4)	General Counsel	1	\$238,634
2	(5)	Assoc. Vice Pres.	2	\$207,598
3	(6)	Project/Program Administrator	11	
4		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
5		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
6		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
7		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
8		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
9		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
10		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
11	(7)	Associate General Counsel	4	\$197,229
12	(8)	Exec. Asst. to President	1	\$163,598
13	(9)	Assistant Vice President	1	\$158,535
14	(10)	Chief Audit Executive	1	\$132,139
15	(11)	Sr. Internal Auditor	3	\$109,727
16	(12)	Associate for Administration	1	\$98,309
17	(13)	Legislative Intern/Research Assist.	1	\$87,721
18	(14)	Research Assistant	2	\$87,721
19		<u>ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - JONESBORO</u>		
20		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
21		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
22	(15)	Chancellor, ASU-Jonesboro	1	\$386,768
23	(16)	Dean of Veterinary Medicine	1	\$386,484
24	(17)	Executive Vice Chancellor	2	\$268,500
25	(18)	Dean of Business Administration	1	\$263,509
26	(19)	Dean of Engineering	1	\$263,509
27	(20)	Associate Vice Provost	3	\$235,373
28	(21)	Dean of Schools	8	\$222,737
29	(22)	Vice Chancellor	4	\$221,840
30	(23)	Project/Program Administrator	119	
31		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
32		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
33		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
34		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
35		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
36		Executive Assistant		\$115,000

1	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
2	(24) Assoc. Dean of Schools	13	\$203,817
3	(25) Associate Vice Chancellor	3	\$194,960
4	(26) IT Pool	69	
5	Network Engineer		\$200,973
6	Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
7	Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
8	Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
9	Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
10	Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
11	Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
12	Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
13	System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
14	Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
15	Database Administrator		\$106,607
16	Systems Administrator		\$105,547
17	Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
18	Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
19	Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
20	Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
21	Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
22	Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585
23	Systems Specialist		\$97,585
24	Information Technology Manager		\$96,408
25	Network Support Specialist		\$93,831
26	Senior Software Support Analyst		\$93,831
27	Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$92,374
28	Tech Support/Applications Support		\$92,374
29	Information Systems Business Manager		\$90,223
30	Security Analyst		\$90,223
31	Systems Analyst		\$90,223
32	Information Technology Specialist		\$88,339
33	Computer Support Coordinator		\$86,753
34	Software Support Analyst		\$86,753
35	Systems Applications Supervisor		\$86,753
36	Computer Operations Coordinator		\$83,416

1	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$83,416
2	PC Support Specialist		\$81,860
3	Computer Support Specialist		\$80,208
4	Database Analyst		\$80,208
5	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
6	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
7	Website Developer		\$77,123
8	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
9	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
10	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
11	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
12	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
13	Media Specialist		\$69,975
14	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
15	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
16	Computer Operator		\$65,925
17	Network Analyst		\$65,925
18	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
19	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
20	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
21	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
22	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
23	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
24	(27) Executive Asst. to the Chancellor	1	\$194,960
25	(28) Controller	1	\$173,915
26	(29) Asst. Vice-Chancellor	7	\$158,536
27	(30) Registrar	1	\$156,464
28	(31) Archivist	2	\$146,665
29	(32) Coord. of Non-Credit Activity	1	\$146,665
30	(33) Dean Student Affairs-Enrollment Svcs.	1	\$146,665
31	(34) Assoc. Director - Info & Tech Svcs.	2	\$144,564
32	(35) Development/Advancement Admin.	23	
33	Development/Advancement Director		\$135,747
34	Development/Advancement Manager		\$123,019
35	Development/Advancement Specialist		\$106,139
36	(36) Associate Controller	1	\$132,372

1	(37)	Dir. of Grants & Other Spons. Progs.	1	\$132,372
2	(38)	Treasurer	1	\$132,372
3	(39)	Assoc. Dean of Student Affairs	6	\$131,622
4	(40)	Associate Registrar	1	\$131,622
5	(41)	Dir. of UPD, CS, Traffic & Parking	1	\$128,295
6	(42)	Project Engineer	1	\$127,980
7	(43)	Academic/Student Support	45	
8		Counselor		\$127,507
9		Student Development Specialist		\$103,502
10		Academic Counselor		\$94,342
11	(44)	Communications Specialist	1	\$121,181
12	(45)	Research Compliance Coordinator	1	\$118,104
13	(46)	Project Architect	1	\$113,381
14	(47)	Bradbury Art Museum Director	1	\$113,108
15	(48)	Asst. Dean of Students	8	\$106,608
16	(49)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$106,608
17	(50)	Asst. Dir. of Admissions	2	\$106,311
18	(51)	Asst. Dir. Records	1	\$106,311
19	(52)	Assoc. Dir. of Student Aid	1	\$99,422
20	(53)	Coord. of ASU Comm. Coll. Deg. Cntrs	1	\$99,422
21	(54)	Research Analyst	5	\$99,378
22	(55)	Assistant Director of Publications	1	\$94,941
23	(56)	Fiscal Support Pool	40	
24		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
25		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
26		Accountant II		\$72,774
27		Accountant I		\$69,975
28		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
29		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
30		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
31		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
32	(57)	Public Safety Pool	29	
33		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
34		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
35		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
36		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416

1		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
2		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
3		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
4		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
5		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
6		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
7		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
8		Security Officer		\$47,272
9		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
10		Watchman		\$38,855
11	(58)	Conservator	1	\$87,933
12	(59)	Technical Director	1	\$87,933
13	(60)	Academic Adviser	23	\$86,780
14	(61)	Assistant Director of Museum	1	\$86,219
15	(62)	Assistant Director of Computer Services	1	\$83,416
16	(63)	ASU Engineer Comm. Facilities Dir.	1	\$83,416
17	(64)	ASU Assoc. Dir. of Physical Plant	1	\$81,860
18	(65)	Benefits Coordinator	1	\$78,713
19	(66)	Curator	2	\$78,713
20	(67)	Procurement Coordinator	1	\$78,713
21	(68)	Education Program Coordinator	1	\$78,712
22	(69)	Grants Manager	2	\$78,712
23	(70)	ASU Asst. Dir. of Physical Plant	3	\$75,685
24	(71)	Skilled Trades Pool	89	
25		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
26		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
27		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
28		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
29		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
30	(72)	Department Business Coordinator	3	\$72,775
31	(73)	Budget Specialist	2	\$72,774
32	(74)	Human Resources Analyst	4	\$72,774
33	(75)	Production Artist	2	\$72,774
34	(76)	ASU Asst. Director of Farming	1	\$69,975
35	(77)	ASU Dir. of Housekeeping	2	\$69,975
36	(78)	Buyer	1	\$69,975

1	(79)	Construction/Maint. Coordinator	2	\$69,975
2	(80)	HEI Program Coordinator	24	\$69,975
3	(81)	Museum Exhibit Program Specialist	1	\$69,975
4	(82)	Radio News Director	1	\$69,975
5	(83)	Radio Program Director	1	\$69,975
6	(84)	Administrative Support Pool	110	
7		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
8		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
9		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
10		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
11		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
12		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
13		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
14		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
15		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
16	(85)	Assistant Registrar	6	\$67,284
17	(86)	Financial Aid Analyst	11	\$67,284
18	(87)	Library Support Pool	15	
19		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
20		Library Specialist		\$57,515
21		Library Technician		\$53,175
22		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
23	(88)	Fabrication Shop Manager	1	\$67,284
24	(89)	Payroll Services Specialist	2	\$67,284
25	(90)	Special Events Manager	2	\$67,284
26	(91)	Broadcast Production Specialist	4	\$64,696
27	(92)	Commercial Graphic Artist	3	\$64,696
28	(93)	Comm. Artist I/Graphic Artist I	2	\$62,208
29	(94)	Human Resources Specialist	2	\$62,208
30	(95)	Landscape Supervisor	2	\$62,208
31	(96)	Museum Registrar	1	\$62,208
32	(97)	Records Management Analyst	15	\$62,208
33	(98)	Maintenance Specialist	5	\$59,815
34	(99)	Purchasing Technician	1	\$59,815
35	(100)	Pest Control Tech	1	\$57,515
36	(101)	Landscape Specialist	2	\$55,302

1	(102)	Special Events Supervisor	1	\$55,302
2	(103)	Student Account Specialist	1	\$55,302
3	(104)	Admissions Analyst	2	\$53,175
4	(105)	Heavy Equipment Operator	7	\$53,175
5	(106)	Inventory Control Technician	3	\$51,130
6	(107)	Maintenance Assistant	4	\$51,130
7	(108)	Registrar's Assistant	2	\$49,164
8	(109)	Institutional Svcs. Supervisor	13	\$43,706
9	(110)	Institutional Svcs. Assistant	65	\$42,025
10		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
11		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
12	(111)	Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Coord.	3	\$268,582
13	(112)	Department Chairperson	30	\$201,304
14	(113)	Faculty	68	
15		Professor		\$197,881
16		Assoc. Professor		\$184,186
17		Asst. Professor		\$156,658
18		Instructor		\$128,780
19	(114)	Research Associate	4	\$146,533
20	(115)	Asst. Library Director	2	\$112,217
21	(116)	Librarian	10	\$112,217
22	(117)	Veterinary Medicine Instructor	3	\$110,424
23	(118)	Instructional Designer	10	\$87,721
24	(119)	Research Assistant	18	\$87,721
25	(120)	Graduate Assistant - Research	10	\$64,109
26	(121)	Graduate Assistant	130	\$46,864
27		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
28		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
29	(122)	College of Business Faculty	40	
30		Distinguished Professor		\$272,788
31		Professor		\$218,534
32		Associate Professor		\$179,510
33		Assistant Professor		\$171,705
34		Instructor		\$140,486
35	(123)	Faculty	501	
36		Distinguished Professor		\$221,655

1		Professor		\$194,459
2		Assoc. Professor		\$170,492
3		Asst. Professor		\$142,719
4		Instructor		\$111,361
5		Lecturer		\$89,979
6	(124)	Part-Time Faculty	240	\$56,046
7	(125)	Graduate Assistant	150	\$35,147
8		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
9		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
10	(126)	Vice Chancellor - Athletics	1	\$681,971
11	(127)	ASU Head Football Coach	1	\$255,265
12	(128)	Head Men's Basketball Coach	1	\$255,265
13	(129)	ASU Def. Coordinator-Football	1	\$188,435
14	(130)	ASU Off. Coordinator-Football	1	\$188,435
15	(131)	Assoc. Dir. of Athletics	4	\$173,466
16	(132)	ASU Asst. Head Football Coach	2	\$166,458
17	(133)	Assistant Football Coach	5	\$166,458
18	(134)	Head Coach	12	\$146,047
19	(135)	ASU Dir. of Auxiliary Enterprises	1	\$140,296
20	(136)	Dir. of Arena	1	\$135,999
21	(137)	Development/Advancement Admin.	3	
22		Development/Advancement Director		\$135,747
23		Development/Advancement Manager		\$123,019
24		Development/Advancement Specialist		\$106,139
25	(138)	Asst. Dir. Athletics	8	\$130,431
26	(139)	Head Athletic Trainer	1	\$130,431
27	(140)	Assistant Coach	25	\$110,824
28	(141)	Dir. of Strength & Conditioning	3	\$110,824
29	(142)	Trainer	5	\$110,824
30	(143)	Facilities and Equipment Manager	2	\$99,798
31	(144)	Assistant Director	1	\$96,579
32	(145)	Fiscal Support Pool	1	
33		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
34		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
35		Accountant II		\$72,774
36		Accountant I		\$69,975

1		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
2		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
3		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
4		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
5	(146)	Asst. Dir. of Media Relations	2	\$87,812
6	(147)	Academic Adviser	2	\$86,780
7	(148)	Director of Marketing	1	\$84,157
8	(149)	Ticket Manager	1	\$81,642
9	(150)	Director of Student Union	1	\$75,685
10	(151)	Skilled Trades Pool	9	
11		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
12		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
13		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
14		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
15		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
16	(152)	Athletic Ticket Sales Coordinator	1	\$69,975
17	(153)	Print Shop Manager	1	\$69,975
18	(154)	Administrative Support Pool	8	
19		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
20		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
21		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
22		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
23		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
24		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
25		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
26		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
27		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
28	(155)	Special Events Manager	2	\$67,284
29	(156)	Institutional Printer	5	\$64,696
30	(157)	Student Union Night Manager	1	\$64,696
31	(158)	Special Events Coordinator	2	\$59,815
32	(159)	Athletic Facility Supervisor	3	\$57,515
33	(160)	Student Union Sec. Mgr.	1	\$53,175
34	(161)	Institutional Svcs. Supervisor	3	\$43,706
35	(162)	Institutional Svcs. Assistant	<u>25</u>	\$42,025
36		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2,270	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas State University for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two thousand sixty-four (2,064) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from the Arkansas State University Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$57,500,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	134,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,150,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,203,094
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	570,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	1,000,000
(06) CONTINGENCY	<u>3,465,103</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$79,022,197</u>

SECTION 4. ALLOCATIONS. There is hereby allocated, to the various programs of Arkansas State University, as set out herein, the following amounts of the funds appropriated in the State Operations appropriation section in this Act, to Arkansas State University, there to be used as

provided by law, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	MAXIMUM ALLOCATION FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(1) JONESBORO CAMPUS	\$72,767,154
(2) ASU - SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	3,325,358
(3) HERITAGE SITES	2,476,122
(4) DELTA CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<u>453,563</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED	<u>\$79,022,197</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$36,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,970,000
(03) OVERTIME	30,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	15,500,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	47,000,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,000,000
(C) PROF. FEES	27,675,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	11,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	51,396,158
(07) DEBT SERVICE	18,000,000
(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	200,000
(09) RESALE	<u>125,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$223,896,158</u>

SECTION 6. 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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
6 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
7 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
8 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
9 disbursement of said funds.

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11 SECTION 7. 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 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
21 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
22 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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32 /s/Joint Budget Committee

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35 APPROVED: 4/10/25

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1262

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
- ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE. There is hereby established for the Arkansas State University - Arkansas Biosciences Institute for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Salary Rate	
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year	
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
	<u>ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE</u>		
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		



1	(1)	Exec. Dir. of Biosciences Institute	1	\$258,983
2	(2)	Project/Program Administrator	8	
3		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
4		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
5		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
6		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
7		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
8		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
9		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
10	(3)	Asst. Director, Biosciences Institute	1	\$136,651
11	(4)	Research Assistant	3	\$88,060
12	(5)	Skilled Trades Pool	1	
13		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
14		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
15		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
16		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
17		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
18	(6)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
19		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
20		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
21		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
22		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
23		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
24		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
25		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
26		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
27		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
28	(7)	Institutional Svcs. Assistant	3	\$42,025
29		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
30		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
31	(8)	Research Associate	3	\$147,091
32	(9)	Research Graduate Assistant	15	\$57,379
33		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
34		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
35	(10)	Faculty	7	
36		Research Professor		\$237,829

1	Research Associate Professor	\$224,718
2	Research Assistant Professor	\$212,176
3	Research Instructor	\$145,990
4	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	43

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6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE. There is

7 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from the

8 Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement

9 Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas

10 State University - Arkansas Biosciences Institute for the fiscal year ending

11 June 30, 2026, the following:

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13	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14	NO.	2025-2026
15	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,149,024
16	(02) EXTRA HELP	15,914
17	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	551,206
18	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,527,694
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
23	(E) DATA PROC.	0
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$5,643,838</u>

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26 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER

28 RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be

29 transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as

30 provided by this act.

31 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~

32 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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34 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER

36 PROVISIONS. The state-supported institution of higher education in this act

1 may transfer appropriations between the various line items within each
2 appropriation contained in this appropriation act. Such transfers shall be
3 made only after the approval of the Division of Higher Education and the
4 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the approval of the Legislative
5 Council or Joint Budget Committee.

6 The General Assembly has determined that the institution in this act could
7 be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution
8 and that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer
9 between items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly
10 has granted the institution broad powers under the transfer of
11 appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
12 Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring
13 prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in the
14 utilization of the transfer authority. Therefore, the requirement of
15 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
16 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
17 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
18 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
20 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

24 (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the State of
25 Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding any
26 position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event that
27 Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

28 (b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when
29 such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized
30 by the Governor.

31 (c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section
32 shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the
33 proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.

34 (d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this
35 Section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional
36 Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
2 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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4 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
6 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act
7 shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made
8 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions
9 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures
10 Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors,
11 and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and
12 regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as
13 authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said
14 funds.
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16 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
18 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds
19 disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act
20 shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was
21 adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests,
22 Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the
23 budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration,
24 letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas
25 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and
26 adoption.
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28 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
30 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
33 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
34 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
35 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
36 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

1 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
2 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1261

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS TECH
UNIVERSITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Arkansas Tech University for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, Arkansas Tech University	1 \$354,537
(2)	Executive Vice President and Prov.	1 \$268,500
(3)	Vice Pres. for Admin. & Finance	1 \$225,262
(4)	Vice Pres. for Government Relations	1 \$221,841



1	(5)	Vice President for Development	1	\$221,840
2	(6)	Vice Pres. for Student Affairs	1	\$221,840
3	(7)	Vice President	1	\$221,840
4	(8)	Dean of College	8	\$214,999
5	(9)	Project/Program Administrator	43	
6		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
7		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
8		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
9		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
10		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
11		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
12		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
13	(10)	IT Pool	56	
14		Network Engineer		\$200,973
15		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
16		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
17		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
18		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
19		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
20		Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
21		Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
22		System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
23		Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
24		Database Administrator		\$106,607
25		Systems Administrator		\$105,547
26		Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
27		Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
28		Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
29		Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
30		Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
31		Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585
32		Systems Specialist		\$97,585
33		Information Technology Manager		\$96,408
34		Network Support Specialist		\$93,831
35		Senior Software Support Analyst		\$93,831
36		Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$92,374

1	Tech Support/Applications Support		\$92,374
2	Information Systems Business Manager		\$90,223
3	Security Analyst		\$90,223
4	Systems Analyst		\$90,223
5	Information Technology Specialist		\$88,339
6	Computer Support Coordinator		\$86,753
7	Software Support Analyst		\$86,753
8	Systems Applications Supervisor		\$86,753
9	Computer Operations Coordinator		\$83,416
10	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$83,416
11	PC Support Specialist		\$81,860
12	Computer Support Specialist		\$80,208
13	Database Analyst		\$80,208
14	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
15	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
16	Website Developer		\$77,123
17	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
18	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
19	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
20	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
21	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
22	Media Specialist		\$69,975
23	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
24	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
25	Computer Operator		\$65,925
26	Network Analyst		\$65,925
27	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
28	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
29	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
30	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
31	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
32	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
33	(11) Associate Vice President	5	\$194,960
34	(12) Assoc. Vice Pres. of Academic Affairs	1	\$194,960
35	(13) Assoc. Vice Pres. of Fiscal Affairs	1	\$194,960
36	(14) Executive Assistant to the President	1	\$194,960

1	(15)	Associate Dean of College	6	\$189,516
2	(16)	Exec. Dir. for Advancement Services	1	\$189,516
3	(17)	Director of Information Systems	1	\$188,816
4	(18)	General Counsel	1	\$174,598
5	(19)	Controller	1	\$173,914
6	(20)	Dir. of Physical Plant/Plant Engineer	1	\$163,703
7	(21)	Director of University Relations	1	\$163,388
8	(22)	Registrar	1	\$156,464
9	(23)	Director of Student Success Center	1	\$154,831
10	(24)	Director of Planned Giving	1	\$154,802
11	(25)	Dean of Students	1	\$146,665
12	(26)	Director of Enrollment Management	1	\$146,665
13	(27)	Director of Online Partnerships	1	\$146,665
14	(28)	Coordinator of Off-Campus Courses	1	\$146,665
15	(29)	Assoc. Dir. of Information Systems	2	\$144,564
16	(30)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$142,085
17	(31)	Instructional Designer	2	\$140,416
18	(32)	English Language Institute Coord.	1	\$138,840
19	(33)	Director of Distance Learning Serv.	1	\$138,524
20	(34)	Development/Advancement Admin.	5	
21		Development/Advancement Director		\$135,747
22		Development/Advancement Manager		\$123,019
23		Development/Advancement Specialist		\$106,139
24	(35)	Director of Admissions	1	\$135,442
25	(36)	Director of Alumni Svcs. & Annual Giv.	1	\$135,442
26	(37)	Director of International Programs	1	\$135,442
27	(38)	Dir. of Prof. Development Institute	1	\$135,442
28	(39)	Director of Public Affairs	1	\$135,442
29	(40)	Director of Student Aid	1	\$135,442
30	(41)	Associate Controller	1	\$132,371
31	(42)	Assoc. Dean of Employ. & Career Svc.	1	\$132,371
32	(43)	Business Manager	1	\$132,371
33	(44)	Dir. of Grants and Other Spons. Prog.	1	\$132,371
34	(45)	Treasurer	1	\$132,371
35	(46)	Associate Dean of Students	6	\$131,622
36	(47)	Associate Director of Admissions	4	\$131,622

1	(48)	Associate Registrar	2	\$131,622
2	(49)	Director of Public Safety	1	\$128,295
3	(50)	Construction Manager	1	\$127,980
4	(51)	Academic/Student Support Counselor	11	\$127,506
5	(52)	Director of Budget	1	\$126,224
6	(53)	Director of Testing	1	\$119,695
7	(54)	Endowment Financial Analyst	1	\$118,438
8	(55)	Dir. of Corp. and Foundation Giving	1	\$117,402
9	(56)	Dir. of Donor Relations & Devel. Svcs.	1	\$117,402
10	(57)	Special Projects Coordinator	17	\$116,723
11	(58)	Director of Placement/Career Service	1	\$115,292
12	(59)	Dir. of Pub. & Creative Svcs.	1	\$113,108
13	(60)	Director of Student Activities	1	\$109,445
14	(61)	Assistant Dir. of Information Systems	1	\$106,742
15	(62)	Dir. of Academic Technology & Comp.	1	\$106,742
16	(63)	Dir. of Recruitment & Orientation	1	\$106,742
17	(64)	Assistant Dean of Students	7	\$106,608
18	(65)	Coordinator of Grants Management	1	\$106,608
19	(66)	Dir. of Acad. Advisement and Retention	1	\$106,608
20	(67)	Director of Academic Services	1	\$106,608
21	(68)	Student Development Specialist	18	\$106,608
22	(69)	Director of Disability Services	1	\$106,607
23	(70)	Institutional Research Associate	2	\$106,607
24	(71)	Asst. Dir. of International Programs	1	\$106,607
25	(72)	Internal Auditor	1	\$103,601
26	(73)	Coordinator of Intramural Activities	1	\$103,400
27	(74)	Coord. Affirm. Action/Disability Svc.	1	\$102,145
28	(75)	Dir. of Learning Resource Center	2	\$100,339
29	(76)	Associate Director of Student Aid	1	\$97,664
30	(77)	Fiscal Support Pool	20	
31		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
32		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
33		Accountant II		\$72,774
34		Accountant I		\$69,975
35		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
36		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815

1	Accounting Technician		\$55,302
2	Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
3	(78) Public Safety Pool	26	
4	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
5	Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
6	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
7	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
8	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
9	Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
10	Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
11	Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
12	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
13	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
14	Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
15	Security Officer		\$47,272
16	Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
17	Watchman		\$38,855
18	(79) Institutional Assistant	5	\$88,389
19	(80) Academic Advisor	14	\$85,246
20	(81) Financial Analyst II	1	\$85,136
21	(82) Procurement Manager	1	\$85,136
22	(83) Campus Maintenance Supervisor	2	\$78,713
23	(84) Development Specialist	1	\$78,713
24	(85) Education Counselor	1	\$78,713
25	(86) Grants Coordinator	1	\$78,713
26	(87) Payroll Services Coordinator	1	\$78,713
27	(88) Procurement Coordinator	1	\$78,713
28	(89) Assistant Personnel Manager	1	\$75,685
29	(90) Career Plan & Placement Coordinator	1	\$75,685
30	(91) Executive Assistant to Director	1	\$75,685
31	(92) Financial Analyst I	2	\$75,685
32	(93) Skilled Trades Pool	21	
33	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
34	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
35	Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
36	Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101

1		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
2	(94)	Broadcast Promotion Specialist	1	\$72,774
3	(95)	Human Resource Analyst	1	\$72,774
4	(96)	Legal Services Specialist	1	\$72,774
5	(97)	Maintenance Coordinator	2	\$72,774
6	(98)	Buyer	3	\$69,975
7	(99)	HEI Program Coordinator	1	\$69,975
8	(100)	Occupational Safety Coordinator	1	\$69,975
9	(101)	Administrative Support Pool	84	
10		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
11		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
12		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
13		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
14		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
15		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
16		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
17		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
18		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
19	(102)	Assistant Registrar	6	\$67,284
20	(103)	Financial Aid Analyst	6	\$67,284
21	(104)	HR Program Representative	1	\$67,284
22	(105)	Library Support Pool	5	
23		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
24		Library Specialist		\$57,515
25		Library Technician		\$53,175
26		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
27	(106)	Purchasing Specialist	1	\$67,284
28	(107)	Student Accounts Officer	1	\$67,284
29	(108)	ATU Coliseum Manager	1	\$64,696
30	(109)	Broadcast Production Specialist	1	\$64,696
31	(110)	Career Plan & Placement Specialist	1	\$64,696
32	(111)	Warehouse Manager	1	\$64,696
33	(112)	Collection Officer	1	\$62,208
34	(113)	Financial Aid Specialist	2	\$62,208
35	(114)	Human Resources Specialist	3	\$62,208
36	(115)	Landscape Supervisor	2	\$62,208

1	(116)	Licensed Practical Nurse	1	\$62,208
2	(117)	Records Management Analyst	1	\$62,208
3	(118)	Farm Foreman - Inst.	1	\$59,815
4	(119)	Maintenance Specialist	1	\$59,815
5	(120)	Coordinator of Housekeeping	1	\$57,515
6	(121)	Call Center Specialist	3	\$56,353
7	(122)	Admissions Analyst Supervisor	1	\$55,302
8	(123)	Collector	1	\$55,302
9	(124)	Equipment Mechanic	2	\$55,302
10	(125)	Human Resources Assistant	1	\$55,302
11	(126)	Landscape Specialist	3	\$55,302
12	(127)	Special Events Supervisor	3	\$55,302
13	(128)	Heavy Equipment Operator	1	\$53,175
14	(129)	Maintenance Assistant	10	\$51,130
15	(130)	Registrar's Assistant	4	\$49,164
16	(131)	Equipment Operator	2	\$45,455
17	(132)	Institutional Services Supervisor	2	\$43,706
18	(133)	Institutional Services Assistant	40	\$42,025
19	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
20	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
21	(134)	Department Chairperson	18	\$201,304
22	(135)	Director of Library	1	\$191,606
23	(136)	Dir. of Assess. & Inst. Effectiveness	1	\$172,983
24	(137)	Director of the STEM Institute	1	\$140,415
25	(138)	Librarian Pool	7	
26		Librarian		\$132,578
27		Associate Librarian		\$112,217
28		Assistant Librarian		\$106,436
29	(139)	Instructor	1	\$128,780
30	(140)	Assessment Specialist	1	\$94,426
31	(141)	Research Assistant	2	\$87,721
32	<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
33	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
34	(142)	Faculty	300	
35		Distinguished Professor		\$221,655
36		Professor		\$194,459

1		Assoc. Professor		\$170,492
2		Asst. Professor		\$142,719
3		Instructor		\$111,361
4		Lecturer		\$89,979
5	(143)	Part-Time Faculty	200	\$56,046
6	(144)	Graduate Assistant	175	\$35,147
7		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
8		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
9	(145)	Athletic Director	1	\$159,847
10	(146)	Head Coach	10	\$146,047
11	(147)	Director of Health Services	1	\$135,998
12	(148)	Advance Practice Nurse	1	\$127,234
13	(149)	Business Manager	1	\$126,292
14	(150)	Asst. Athletic Director	1	\$122,713
15	(151)	Athletic Compliance Officer	1	\$118,867
16	(152)	Director of Residence Life	2	\$115,924
17	(153)	Asst. Coach	14	\$114,807
18	(154)	Athletic Academic Director	1	\$114,807
19	(155)	Head Athletic Trainer	1	\$114,807
20	(156)	Registered Nurse Practitioner	1	\$110,699
21	(157)	Assistant Sports Information Dir.	1	\$107,534
22	(158)	Athletic Facility Manager	1	\$96,579
23	(159)	Fiscal Support Pool	1	
24		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
25		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
26		Accountant II		\$72,774
27		Accountant I		\$69,975
28		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
29		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
30		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
31		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
32	(160)	Registered Nurse	2	\$81,860
33	(161)	Skilled Trades Pool	3	
34		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
35		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
36		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562

1		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
2		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
3	(162)	Assistant Athletic Trainer	3	\$74,057
4	(163)	Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$72,774
5	(164)	Production Artist	1	\$72,774
6	(165)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
7		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
8		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
9		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
10		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
11		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
12		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
13		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
14		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
15		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
16	(166)	Special Events Manager	1	\$67,284
17	(167)	Maintenance Specialist	2	\$59,815
18	(168)	Campus Postmaster	1	\$55,302
19	(169)	Maintenance Assistant	3	\$51,130
20	(170)	Special Events Worker	1	\$47,272
21	(171)	Shipping and Receiving Clerk	1	\$45,455
22	(172)	Stadium Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$45,455
23	(173)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
24	(174)	Institutional Services Assistant	12	\$42,025
25		<u>ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY - OZARK CAMPUS</u>		
26		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
27		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
28	(175)	Chancellor, ATU - Ozark Campus	1	\$208,138
29	(176)	Project/Program Administrator	4	
30		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
31		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
32		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
33		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
34		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
35		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
36		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139

1	(177)	IT Pool	2	
2		Network Engineer		\$200,973
3		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
4		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
5		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
6		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
7		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
8		Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
9		Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
10		System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
11		Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
12		Database Administrator		\$106,607
13		Systems Administrator		\$105,547
14		Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
15		Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
16		Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
17		Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
18		Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
19		Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585
20		Systems Specialist		\$97,585
21		Information Technology Manager		\$96,408
22		Network Support Specialist		\$93,831
23		Senior Software Support Analyst		\$93,831
24		Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$92,374
25		Tech Support/Applications Support		\$92,374
26		Information Systems Business Manager		\$90,223
27		Security Analyst		\$90,223
28		Systems Analyst		\$90,223
29		Information Technology Specialist		\$88,339
30		Computer Support Coordinator		\$86,753
31		Software Support Analyst		\$86,753
32		Systems Applications Supervisor		\$86,753
33		Computer Operations Coordinator		\$83,416
34		Systems Coordination Analyst		\$83,416
35		PC Support Specialist		\$81,860
36		Computer Support Specialist		\$80,208

1	Database Analyst		\$80,208
2	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
3	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
4	Website Developer		\$77,123
5	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
6	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
7	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
8	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
9	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
10	Media Specialist		\$69,975
11	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
12	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
13	Computer Operator		\$65,925
14	Network Analyst		\$65,925
15	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
16	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
17	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
18	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
19	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
20	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
21	(178) V-C for Res., Innovation & Econ. Devel.	1	\$188,485
22	(179) Vice Chancellor	1	\$167,057
23	(180) Vice Chancellor of Admin. and Finance	1	\$156,658
24	(181) Vice Chancellor of Student Services	1	\$156,658
25	(182) Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,881
26	(183) Associate Director of Financial Aid	1	\$118,772
27	(184) Special Projects Coordinator	1	\$116,722
28	(185) Associate Registrar	1	\$113,318
29	(186) Associate Director of Computer Serv.	1	\$106,741
30	(187) Coordinator of Student Recruitment	2	\$106,741
31	(188) Associate Director of Admissions	1	\$106,741
32	(189) Career Advisor	1	\$106,608
33	(190) Student Development Specialist	1	\$106,607
34	(191) Academic Counselor	1	\$99,709
35	(192) Fiscal Support Pool	2	
36	Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082

1	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
2	Accountant II		\$72,774
3	Accountant I		\$69,975
4	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
5	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
6	Accounting Technician		\$55,302
7	Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
8	(193) Assessment Coordinator	1	\$86,850
9	(194) Assistant Director of Academic Serv.	1	\$86,850
10	(195) Academic Advisor	2	\$83,172
11	(196) Director of Community Outreach	1	\$81,473
12	(197) Campus Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$78,713
13	(198) Administrative Support Pool	14	
14	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
15	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
16	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
17	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
18	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
19	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
20	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
21	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
22	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
23	(199) Library Support Pool	1	
24	Library Supervisor		\$67,284
25	Library Specialist		\$57,515
26	Library Technician		\$53,175
27	Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
28	(200) Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
29	(201) Maintenance Technician	1	\$62,208
30	(202) Maintenance Specialist	8	\$59,815
31	(203) Human Resources Assistant	1	\$55,302
32	(204) Industry Training Specialist	5	\$53,042
33	(205) Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
34	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
35	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
36	(206) Librarian	1	\$132,579

1	(207)	Division Chair	3	\$109,317
2	(208)	12-Month Workforce Ed. Faculty	9	\$108,309
3		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
4		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
5	(209)	Workforce Ed. Faculty	62	\$106,394
6	(210)	Workforce Ed. Part-Time Faculty	68	\$33,025
7		<u>ARKANSAS TECH INSTITUTE</u>		
8		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
9		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
10	(211)	Project/Program Administrator	1	
11		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
12		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
13		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
14		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
15		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
16		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
17		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
18	(212)	IT Pool	2	
19		Network Engineer		\$200,973
20		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
21		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
22		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
23		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
24		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
25		Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
26		Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
27		System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
28		Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
29		Database Administrator		\$106,607
30		Systems Administrator		\$105,547
31		Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
32		Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
33		Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
34		Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
35		Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
36		Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585

1	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
2	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
3	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
4	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
5	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
6	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
7	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
8	Security Analyst	\$90,223
9	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
10	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
11	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
12	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
13	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
14	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
15	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
16	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
17	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
18	Database Analyst	\$80,208
19	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
20	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
21	Website Developer	\$77,123
22	Information Systems Analyst	\$74,157
23	Information Systems Security Analyst	\$74,157
24	Computer Support Analyst	\$74,157
25	Software Support Specialist	\$71,305
26	Telecommunications Supervisor	\$71,305
27	Media Specialist	\$69,975
28	Computer Support Technician	\$68,562
29	Help Desk Specialist	\$68,562
30	Computer Operator	\$65,925
31	Network Analyst	\$65,925
32	Telecommunications Specialist	\$65,925
33	Multimedia Specialist	\$62,208
34	Information Technology Assistant	\$58,608
35	Computer Lab Technician	\$56,353
36	Multimedia Technician	\$51,130

1	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
2	(213) Business Manager	1	\$132,371
3	(214) Dir. of Business & Industrial Training	1	\$118,771
4	(215) Director of Placement/Career Service	1	\$115,292
5	(216) Career Advisor	10	\$106,608
6	(217) Administrative Support Pool	1	
7	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
8	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
9	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
10	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
11	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
12	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
13	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
14	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
15	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
16	(218) Institutional Services Assistant	<u>1</u>	\$42,025
17	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,561	

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19 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 20 the Arkansas Tech University for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
 21 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 22 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 23 thousand six hundred fifteen (1,615) temporary or part-time employees, when
 24 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 25 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 26 appropriate classification.

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28 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 29 appropriated, to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from the
 30 Arkansas Tech University Fund, for personal services and operating expenses
 31 of the Arkansas Tech University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 32 following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$30,277,540

1	(02)	EXTRA HELP	1,809,185
2	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,476,319
3	(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	1,834,917
5	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6	(C)	PROF. FEES	0
7	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
9	(05)	FUNDED DEPRECIATION	336,412
10	(06)	CONTINGENCY	<u>1,921,296</u>
11		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$41,655,669</u></u>

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13 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS TECH INSTITUTE.

14 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable
 15 from the Arkansas Tech University Fund, for personal services and operating
 16 expenses of the Arkansas Tech Institute for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 17 2026, the following:

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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
21	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$923,360
22	(02) EXTRA HELP	44,444
23	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	335,965
24	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	701,000
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
27	(C) PROF. FEES	0
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,004,769</u></u>

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32 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 33 to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from cash funds as defined by
 34 Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 35 Arkansas Tech University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 36 following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	NO.	2025-2026
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$31,485,281
5	(02) EXTRA HELP	7,875,000
6	(03) OVERTIME	262,500
7	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	14,379,484
8	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	36,750,000
10	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,260,000
11	(C) PROF. FEES	5,250,000
12	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	16,000,000
13	(E) DATA PROC.	0
14	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	54,722,093
15	(07) DEBT SERVICE	10,500,000
16	(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>315,000</u>
17	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$178,799,358</u>

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19 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
20 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
21 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
22 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
25 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
26 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
27 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
28 disbursement of said funds.

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30 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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3 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
4 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
5 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
8 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
9 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
10 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
11 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
12 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
13 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1266

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE HENDERSON STATE
UNIVERSITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Henderson State University for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor, Henderson State Univ.	1
(2)	Vice Chancellor	4
(3)	Project/Program Administrator	38
	Executive Project/Program Director	\$207,294



1	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
2	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
3	Project/Program Director		\$135,750
4	Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
5	Executive Assistant		\$115,000
6	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
7	(4) Dean of School	4	\$206,009
8	(5) IT Pool	8	
9	Network Engineer		\$200,973
10	Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
11	Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
12	Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
13	Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
14	Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
15	Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
16	Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
17	System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
18	Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
19	Database Administrator		\$106,607
20	Systems Administrator		\$105,547
21	Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
22	Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
23	Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
24	Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
25	Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
26	Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585
27	Systems Specialist		\$97,585
28	Information Technology Manager		\$96,408
29	Network Support Specialist		\$93,831
30	Senior Software Support Analyst		\$93,831
31	Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$92,374
32	Tech Support/Applications Support		\$92,374
33	Information Systems Business Manager		\$90,223
34	Security Analyst		\$90,223
35	Systems Analyst		\$90,223
36	Information Technology Specialist		\$88,339

1	Computer Support Coordinator		\$86,753
2	Software Support Analyst		\$86,753
3	Systems Applications Supervisor		\$86,753
4	Computer Operations Coordinator		\$83,416
5	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$83,416
6	PC Support Specialist		\$81,860
7	Computer Support Specialist		\$80,208
8	Database Analyst		\$80,208
9	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
10	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
11	Website Developer		\$77,123
12	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
13	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
14	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
15	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
16	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
17	Media Specialist		\$69,975
18	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
19	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
20	Computer Operator		\$65,925
21	Network Analyst		\$65,925
22	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
23	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
24	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
25	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
26	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
27	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
28	(6) Associate Vice Chancellor	5	\$194,084
29	(7) Exec. Assistant to the President	1	\$188,485
30	(8) Dir. of Computer/Comms. Svcs.	1	\$180,915
31	(9) Controller	1	\$166,632
32	(10) Director of Counseling	1	\$154,831
33	(11) Director of Retention	1	\$152,582
34	(12) Dean of Student Services	1	\$140,536
35	(13) Associate Director of Comp./Comms. Svcs.	1	\$138,524
36	(14) Director of Planning and Research	1	\$136,149

1	(15)	Director of Student Aid	1	\$135,442
2	(16)	Counselor	3	\$127,507
3	(17)	Assoc. Dean of Student Services	4	\$126,291
4	(18)	Director of Testing	1	\$114,689
5	(19)	Director of Alumni	1	\$108,903
6	(20)	Director of Publications/Creative Svcs.	1	\$108,375
7	(21)	Director of Instructional Technology	1	\$106,742
8	(22)	Assistant Dean of Student Services	5	\$103,601
9	(23)	Major Gift Devel. Officer	1	\$103,600
10	(24)	Fiscal Support Pool	10	
11		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
12		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
13		Accountant II		\$72,774
14		Accountant I		\$69,975
15		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
16		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
17		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
18		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
19	(25)	Aircraft Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$91,298
20	(26)	Public Safety Pool	10	
21		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
22		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
23		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
24		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
25		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
26		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
27		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
28		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
29		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
30		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
31		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
32		Security Officer		\$47,272
33		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
34		Watchman		\$38,855
35	(27)	Institutional Assistant	10	\$89,980
36	(28)	Skilled Trades Pool	1	

1		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
2		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
3		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
4		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
5		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
6	(29)	Aviation Technician	2	\$72,774
7	(30)	HEI Program Coordinator	4	\$69,975
8	(31)	Administrative Support Pool	35	
9		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
10		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
11		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
12		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
13		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
14		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
15		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
16		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
17		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
18	(32)	Financial Aid Analyst	4	\$67,284
19	(33)	Library Support Pool	6	
20		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
21		Library Specialist		\$57,515
22		Library Technician		\$53,175
23		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
24	(34)	Payroll Services Specialist	2	\$67,284
25	(35)	Purchasing Specialist	2	\$67,284
26	(36)	Career Planning & Placement Specialist	1	\$64,696
27	(37)	Financial Aid Specialist	2	\$62,208
28	(38)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
29	(39)	Student Recruitment Specialist	1	\$62,208
30	(40)	Purchasing Technician	1	\$59,815
31	(41)	Cashier	2	\$51,130
32		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
33		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
34	(42)	Faculty	8	
35		Professor		\$197,881
36		Assoc. Professor		\$184,186

1	Asst. Professor		\$156,658
2	Instructor		\$128,780
3	(43) Department Chairperson	5	\$192,886
4	(44) Director of Library	1	\$183,591
5	(45) Director of Aviation	1	\$139,246
6	(46) Director of Bands	1	\$139,246
7	(47) Director of Honors College	1	\$139,246
8	(48) Library Faculty	6	
9	Associate Librarian		\$132,579
10	Assistant Librarian		\$110,077
11	(49) Chief Flight Instructor	1	\$109,683
12	<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
13	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
14	(50) Faculty	156	
15	Distinguished Professor		\$212,394
16	Professor		\$186,327
17	Assoc. Professor		\$163,351
18	Asst. Professor		\$136,757
19	Instructor		\$106,699
20	Lecturer		\$89,546
21	(51) Part-Time Faculty	85	\$56,046
22	(52) Graduate Assistant	65	\$33,667
23	<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
24	<u>POSITIONS</u>		
25	(53) Project/Program Administrator	8	
26	Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
27	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
28	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
29	Project/Program Director		\$135,750
30	Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
31	Executive Assistant		\$115,000
32	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
33	(54) Director of Athletics	1	\$159,847
34	(55) Coach	10	\$146,047
35	(56) Assistant Director of Athletics	1	\$122,713
36	(57) Assistant Coach	12	\$114,807

1	(58)	Head Athletic Trainer	1	\$114,807
2	(59)	Administrative Support Pool	6	
3		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
4		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
5		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
6		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
7		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
8		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
9		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
10		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
11	(60)	Asst. Athletic Trainer	3	\$60,620
12	(61)	Resident Hall Specialist	<u>2</u>	\$57,515
13		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	555	

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15 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 16 the Henderson State University for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
 17 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 18 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five
 19 hundred (500) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay
 20 not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation
 21 Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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23 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 24 appropriated, to the Henderson State University, to be payable from the
 25 Henderson State University Fund, for personal services and operating expenses
 26 of the Henderson State University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,
 27 the following:

28

29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,000,000
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,000,000
34	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,098,256
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0

1	(C) PROF. FEES	0
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(05) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	200,000
5	(06) COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER	85,186
6	(07) CONTINGENCY	<u>1,086,913</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$22,910,355</u>

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9 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 10 to the Henderson State University, to be payable from cash funds as defined
 11 by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of
 12 the Henderson State University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 13 following:

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15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$15,000,000
18	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,000,000
19	(03) OVERTIME	100,000
20	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,000,000
21	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
22	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,800,000
23	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,000,000
24	(C) PROF. FEES	3,000,000
25	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	3,000,000
26	(E) DATA PROC.	0
27	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	20,000,000
28	(07) DEBT SERVICE	10,000,000
29	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
30	INVESTMENTS	2,000,000
31	(09) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	200,000
32	(10) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>200,000</u>
33	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$79,300,000</u>

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

1 YEAR 2020 BUDGET STABILIZATION LOAN REPAYMENT.

2 (a) It is the intent of this section to provide for the repayment by
3 Henderson State University of a loan received from the Budget Stabilization
4 Trust Fund in fiscal year 2020.

5 (b) As repayment for the outstanding loan received from the Budget
6 Stabilization Trust Fund in fiscal year 2020, Henderson State University
7 shall make payments of nine hundred fifty-eight thousand three hundred
8 thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$958,333.33) from any legal fund
9 of Henderson State University to the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund on the
10 following dates unless modifications are made under subsection (d) of this
11 section:

12 (1) December 1, 2024~~5~~;

13 (2) December 1, 2025~~6~~;

14 (3) December 1, 2026~~7~~;

15 (4) December 1, 2027~~8~~;

16 (5) December 1, 2028~~9~~; and

17 (6) December 1, 2029~~30~~.

18 (c) Henderson State University shall provide a report to the
19 Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in regular, fiscal, or
20 extraordinary session, the Joint Budget Committee, no later than June 30 of
21 each year regarding the status of the loan received from the Budget
22 Stabilization Trust Fund.

23 (d)(1) Loan payments under subsection (b) of this section may be
24 modified by the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in
25 regular, fiscal, or extraordinary session, the Joint Budget Committee, based
26 upon its review of the status of the loan received from the Budget
27 Stabilization Trust Fund.

28 (2) A modification to a loan payment under subdivision (2)(A) of
29 this section may include without limitation:

30 (A) The amount of one (1) or more loan payments; and

31 (B) The timing of one (1) or more loan payments.

32 (e) This section shall expire upon the final payment by Henderson
33 State University to the Budget Stabilization Trust Fund under subsection (b)
34 of this section.

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36 SECTION 6. 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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
6 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
7 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
8 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
9 disbursement of said funds.

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11 SECTION 7. 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 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
21 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
22 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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33 APPROVED: 2/11/25
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1260

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE SOUTHERN ARKANSAS
UNIVERSITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE SOUTHERN ARKANSAS
UNIVERSITY APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Southern Arkansas University for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
2025-2026		
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, Southern Arkansas Univ.	1
(2)	Project/Program Administrator	28
	Executive Project/Program Director	\$322,307
	Exec. Project/Program Manager	\$207,294
		\$181,097



1	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
2	Project/Program Director		\$135,750
3	Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
4	Executive Assistant		\$115,000
5	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
6	(3) Vice-Pres. for Acad. Affairs & Prov.	1	\$201,301
7	(4) IT Pool	13	
8	Network Engineer		\$200,973
9	Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
10	Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
11	Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
12	Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
13	Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
14	Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
15	Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
16	System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
17	Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
18	Database Administrator		\$106,607
19	Systems Administrator		\$105,547
20	Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
21	Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
22	Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
23	Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
24	Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
25	Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585
26	Systems Specialist		\$97,585
27	Information Technology Manager		\$96,408
28	Network Support Specialist		\$93,831
29	Senior Software Support Analyst		\$93,831
30	Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$92,374
31	Tech Support/Applications Support		\$92,374
32	Information Systems Business Manager		\$90,223
33	Security Analyst		\$90,223
34	Systems Analyst		\$90,223
35	Information Technology Specialist		\$88,339
36	Computer Support Coordinator		\$86,753

1	Software Support Analyst		\$86,753
2	Systems Applications Supervisor		\$86,753
3	Computer Operations Coordinator		\$83,416
4	Information Technology Manager		\$83,416
5	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$83,416
6	PC Support Specialist		\$81,860
7	Computer Support Specialist		\$80,208
8	Database Analyst		\$80,208
9	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
10	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
11	Website Developer		\$77,123
12	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
13	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
14	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
15	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
16	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
17	Media Specialist		\$69,975
18	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
19	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
20	Computer Operator		\$65,925
21	Network Analyst		\$65,925
22	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
23	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
24	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
25	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
26	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
27	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
28	(5) Vice-Pres. for Finance	1	\$194,320
29	(6) Vice-Pres. for Administration	1	\$188,485
30	(7) Vice-Pres. for Student Affairs	1	\$188,485
31	(8) Vice-Pres. for Univ. Advancement	1	\$188,484
32	(9) Dean	7	\$173,915
33	(10) Associate Vice President	2	\$166,259
34	(11) Director of Counseling	1	\$154,803
35	(12) Business Manager	1	\$151,635
36	(13) Director of Physical Plant/Plant Eng.	1	\$151,635

1	(14)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$145,572
2	(15)	Registrar	1	\$139,183
3	(16)	Director of Continuing Education	1	\$136,560
4	(17)	Development/Advancement Admin	4	
5		Development/Advancement Director		\$135,747
6		Development/Advancement Manager		\$123,019
7		Development/Advancement Specialist		\$106,139
8	(18)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,577
9	(19)	Director of Engineering Systems	1	\$128,780
10	(20)	Controller	1	\$128,061
11	(21)	Counselor	4	\$127,507
12	(22)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$126,225
13	(23)	Director of Admissions	1	\$126,225
14	(24)	Dir. of Enrollment Services	1	\$126,225
15	(25)	Director of International Programs	1	\$126,225
16	(26)	Director of Student Aid	1	\$126,225
17	(27)	Director of Media Services	1	\$124,824
18	(28)	Associate Registrar	1	\$122,932
19	(29)	Director of Public Safety	1	\$122,932
20	(30)	Dean of Students	1	\$119,876
21	(31)	Associate Dean of Students	3	\$113,407
22	(32)	Director of Instructional Technology	1	\$106,742
23	(33)	Assistant Dean of Students	3	\$106,740
24	(34)	Associate Director of Computer Services	2	\$106,740
25	(35)	Director of Disability Support	1	\$98,669
26	(36)	Assistant Controller	1	\$95,766
27	(37)	Fiscal Support Pool	12	
28		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
29		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
30		Accountant II		\$72,774
31		Accountant I		\$69,975
32		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
33		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
34		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
35		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
36	(38)	Public Safety Pool	12	

1	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
2	Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
3	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
4	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
5	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
6	Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
7	Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
8	Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
9	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
10	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
11	Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
12	Security Officer		\$47,272
13	Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
14	Watchman		\$38,855
15	(39) Accounting Coordinator	1	\$85,136
16	(40) Grants Manager	1	\$85,136
17	(41) Personnel Manager	1	\$85,136
18	(42) Assistant Director of Computer Services	2	\$83,416
19	(43) Campus Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$78,713
20	(44) Career Plng & Placement Coord.	1	\$75,685
21	(45) Skilled Trades Pool	26	
22	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
23	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
24	Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
25	Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
26	Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
27	(46) Assistant Dir. of Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
28	(47) Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$72,774
29	(48) Administrative Support Pool	62	
30	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
31	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
32	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
33	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
34	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
35	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
36	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175

1	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
2	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
3	(49) Assistant Registrar	2	\$67,284
4	(50) Financial Aid Analyst	3	\$67,284
5	(51) Library Support Pool	2	
6	Library Supervisor		\$67,284
7	Library Specialist		\$57,515
8	Library Technician		\$53,175
9	Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
10	(52) Purchasing Specialist	1	\$67,284
11	(53) Student Accounts Officer	1	\$67,284
12	(54) Heavy Equipment Operator	3	\$53,175
13	(55) Registrar's Assistant	1	\$49,164
14	(56) Equipment Operator	2	\$45,455
15	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
16	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
17	(57) Dir. of Nursing, SAU System	1	\$163,881
18	(58) Department Chairperson	23	\$160,134
19	(59) Director of Library	1	\$135,750
20	(60) Assoc. Librarian	1	\$110,077
21	(61) Asst. Librarian	5	\$96,743
22	<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
23	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
24	(62) Faculty	200	
25	Distinguished Professor		\$158,658
26	University Professor		\$154,174
27	Professor		\$149,687
28	Assoc. Professor		\$132,261
29	Asst. Professor		\$121,812
30	Instructor		\$100,908
31	(63) Part-Time Faculty	51	\$56,046
32	<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
33	<u>POSITIONS</u>		
34	(64) Project/Program Administrator	7	
35	Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
36	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097

1	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
2	Project/Program Director		\$135,750
3	Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
4	Executive Assistant		\$115,000
5	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
6	(65) Dir. of Athletics	1	\$159,847
7	(66) Head Coach	3	\$146,047
8	(67) Director of Health Services	1	\$135,999
9	(68) Coach	4	\$114,807
10	(69) Residential Life Coordinator	<u>2</u>	\$73,766
11	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	529	

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13 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 14 the Southern Arkansas University for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
 15 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 16 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 17 thousand nine hundred (1,900) temporary or part-time employees, when needed,
 18 at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification
 19 and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 20 classification.

21

22 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 23 appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from the
 24 Southern Arkansas University Fund, for personal services and operating
 25 expenses of the Southern Arkansas University for the fiscal year ending June
 26 30, 2026, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$17,626,055
31	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,020,000
32	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	60,000
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
35	(C) PROF. FEES	0
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>985,303</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$20,691,358</u></u>

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5 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SAU - SYSTEM. There is hereby appropriated,
6 to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from the Southern Arkansas
7 University Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Southern
8 Arkansas University System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
9 following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$45,000
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	13,500
15	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	41,500
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
18	(C) PROF. FEES	0
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
20	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$100,000</u></u>

22

23 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
24 to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from cash funds as defined
25 by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of
26 the Southern Arkansas University for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,
27 the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,621,000
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	2,885,000
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	7,984,500
34	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	23,530,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,388,625

1	(C) PROF. FEES	1,315,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,107,923
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2,500,000
5	(06) DEBT SERVICE	6,300,000
6	(07) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
7	INVESTMENTS	<u>100,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$55,732,048</u>

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

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

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm

1 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
2 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
3 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
4 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 116

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
- SYSTEM AND VARIOUS DIVISIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
SYSTEM AND VARIOUS DIVISIONS
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - SYSTEM AND VARIOUS DIVISIONS. There is
hereby established for the University of Arkansas - System and Various
Divisions for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year	
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
<u>SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION</u>			
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	President, University of Arkansas	1	\$562,724
(2)	Vice-Pres. for Academic Affairs	1	\$293,290



1	(3)	Vice-Pres. for Finance & CFO	1	\$277,184
2	(4)	Vice-Pres. for Administration	1	\$266,336
3	(5)	Vice-Pres. for Univ. Rel. & Pub. Serv.	1	\$245,793
4	(6)	Vice-Pres. for Planning and Development	1	\$245,793
5	(7)	Vice-Pres. for Employee Benefits & Risk	1	\$245,793
6	(8)	Vice-Pres. for Lgl. Affrs. & Gen. Couns.	1	\$245,793
7	(9)	Assoc. Vice President	6	\$231,416
8	(10)	Dir. of Employee Benefits	1	\$218,414
9	(11)	Dir. of Internal Audits	3	\$207,350
10	(12)	Dir. of Plan. & Resource Services	1	\$207,294
11	(13)	Project/Program Administrator	74	
12		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
13		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
14		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
15		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
16		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
17		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
18		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
19	(14)	Senior Assoc. General Counsel	1	\$172,262
20	(15)	Senior Institutional Audit Manager	4	\$171,419
21	(16)	Assoc. General Counsel	4	\$168,773
22	(17)	Asst. Dir. of Plng. & Res. Svcs.	1	\$165,890
23	(18)	Asst. to the President	1	\$163,598
24	(19)	Regional Audit Manager	2	\$158,146
25	(20)	Director of Administrative Services	2	\$156,658
26	(21)	Assoc. Director of Internal Audits	1	\$132,139
27	(22)	Associate Director	2	\$116,587
28	(23)	Dir. of University Information	1	\$116,587
29	(24)	Associate for Administration	3	\$106,139
30	(25)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
31		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
32		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
33		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
34		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
35		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
36		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175

1		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
2		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
3		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
4	(26)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$55,302
5		<u>ARKANSAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY</u>		
6		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
7		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
8	(27)	Dir. of Ar. Archeological Survey	1	\$219,364
9	(28)	State Archeologist	1	\$190,172
10	(29)	Survey Assistant Director	1	\$165,829
11	(30)	Director of Sys Prog & Database Svcs.	1	\$111,761
12	(31)	Fiscal Support Pool	2	
13		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
14		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
15		Accountant II		\$72,774
16		Accountant I		\$69,975
17		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
18		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
19		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
20		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
21	(32)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
22		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
23		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
24		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
25		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
26		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
27		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
28		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
29		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
30		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
31	(33)	Institutional Services Assistant	1	\$42,025
32		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
33		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
34	(34)	Archeologist Pool	25	
35		Archeologist		\$189,440
36		Assoc. Archeologist		\$163,598

1		Asst. Archeologist		\$152,037
2	(35)	Survey Research/Professionals Pool	30	
3		Survey Research Associate		\$147,952
4		Survey Research Assistant		\$100,908
5		Archeological Assistant		\$57,379
6		<u>CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE</u>		
7		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
8		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
9	(36)	Director, Criminal Justice Institute	1	\$219,364
10	(37)	Project/Program Administrator	24	
11		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
12		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
13		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
14		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
15		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
16		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
17		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
18	(38)	Assoc. Dir. Criminal Justice Inst.	2	\$190,172
19	(39)	Asst. Dir., Fiscal Affairs	1	\$165,890
20	(40)	Director of Computer Serv.	1	\$119,967
21	(41)	Fiscal Support Pool	1	
22		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
23		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
24		Accountant II		\$72,774
25		Accountant I		\$69,975
26		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
27		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
28		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
29		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
30	(42)	Institutional Assistant	4	\$89,980
31	(43)	Administrative Support Pool	5	
32		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
33		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
34		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
35		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
36		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815

1		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
2		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
3		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
4		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
5		<u>CLINTON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE</u>		
6		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
7		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
8	(44)	Faculty - 12 month	12	
9		Distinguished Professor		\$273,692
10		Professor		\$234,194
11		Instructor		\$134,719
12	(45)	Dean of Clinton School	1	\$262,913
13	(46)	Project/Program Administrator	11	
14		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
15		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
16		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
17		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
18		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
19		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
20		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
21	(47)	Director of Development	1	\$203,773
22	(48)	Lecturer	6	\$107,878
23		<u>ARKANSAS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION OPTICAL NETWORK</u>		
24		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
25		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
26	(49)	AREON Executive Director	1	\$289,401
27	(50)	AREON Chief Technology Officer	1	\$257,245
28	(51)	Project/Program Administrator	2	
29		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
30		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
31		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
32		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
33		Project/Program Manager		\$123,019
34		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
35		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
36	(52)	IT Pool	8	

1	Network Engineer	\$200,973
2	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994
3	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
4	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
5	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
6	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
7	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
8	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
9	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
10	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
11	Database Administrator	\$106,607
12	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
13	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
14	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
15	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
16	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
17	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
18	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
19	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
20	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
21	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
22	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
23	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
24	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
25	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
26	Security Analyst	\$90,223
27	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
28	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
29	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
30	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
31	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
32	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
33	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
34	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
35	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
36	Database Analyst	\$80,208

1		Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
2		Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
3		Website Developer		\$77,123
4		Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
5		Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
6		Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
7		Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
8		Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
9		Media Specialist		\$69,975
10		Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
11		Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
12		Computer Operator		\$65,925
13		Network Analyst		\$65,925
14		Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
15		Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
16		Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
17		Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
18		Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
19		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
20	(53)	AREON Director of Admn. & Plng	1	\$135,131
21	(54)	Fiscal Support Pool	1	
22		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
23		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
24		Accountant II		\$72,774
25		Accountant I		\$69,975
26		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
27		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
28		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
29		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
30		<u>ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS,</u>		
31		<u>SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS</u>		
32		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
33	(55)	Project/Program Administrator	18	
34		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
35		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
36		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382

1	Project/Program Director	\$135,750
2	Project/Program Manager	\$123,020
3	Executive Assistant	\$115,000
4	Project/Program Specialist	\$106,139
5	(56) IT Pool	3
6	Network Engineer	\$200,973
7	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994
8	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
9	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
10	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
11	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
12	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
13	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
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20	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
21	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
22	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
23	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
24	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
25	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
26	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
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28	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
29	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
30	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
31	Security Analyst	\$90,223
32	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
33	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
34	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
35	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
36	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753

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2	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
3	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
4	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
5	Database Analyst	\$80,208
6	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
7	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
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9	Information Systems Analyst	\$74,157
10	Information Systems Security Analyst	\$74,157
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12	Software Support Specialist	\$71,305
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18	Network Analyst	\$65,925
19	Telecommunications Specialist	\$65,925
20	Multimedia Specialist	\$62,208
21	Information Technology Assistant	\$58,608
22	Computer Lab Technician	\$56,353
23	Multimedia Technician	\$51,130
24	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant	\$47,272
25	(57) ASMSA Director	1 \$162,866
26	(58) ASMSA Dean of Academic Affairs	1 \$143,224
27	(59) ASMSA Director of Finance	1 \$139,614
28	(60) ASMSA Director of Human Resources	1 \$132,733
29	(61) ASMSA Dean of Students	1 \$132,675
30	(62) ASMSA Director of Institutional Adv.	1 \$113,455
31	(63) ASMSA Associate Dean	3 \$110,424
32	(64) ASMSA Dir. of Admissions & Public Aff.	1 \$107,719
33	(65) ASMSA Computer Science Edu. Specialist	2 \$106,160
34	(66) ASMSA Teacher	41 \$104,903
35	(67) ASMSA Asst. Dean for Student Wellness	1 \$98,294
36	(68) ASMSA Librarian	1 \$87,426

1	(69)	ASMSA Coordinator for Scholar Develop.	1	\$82,818
2	(70)	ASMSA Mental Health Professional	2	\$81,181
3	(71)	ASMSA Asst. Dean for Residential Life	1	\$77,297
4	(72)	ASMSA Facility Manager	1	\$75,057
5	(73)	ASMSA Student Success Coordinator	3	\$74,937
6	(74)	ASMSA Asst. Director of Finance	1	\$72,239
7	(75)	ASMSA Residential Experience Coordinator	7	\$66,254
8	(76)	ASMSA Public Information Specialist	1	\$62,447
9	(77)	ASMSA Administrative Assistant	2	\$56,091
10	(78)	ASMSA Teacher - Part Time	5	\$56,046
11	(79)	ASMSA Registrar	1	\$55,510
12	(80)	ASMSA Admissions Specialist	3	\$55,510
13	(81)	ASMSA Residential Mentor	4	\$49,691
14	(82)	ASMSA Secretary	2	\$47,733
15	(83)	ASMSA Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$45,897
16	(84)	ASMSA Purchasing/Travel Coordinator	1	\$45,751
17	(85)	ASMSA Accounting Clerk	1	\$39,732
18	(86)	ASMSA Maintenance Worker	8	\$36,120
19		<u>UA GRANTHAM</u>		
20		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
21		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
22	(87)	Chancellor	1	\$290,076
23	(88)	Vice Chancellor	5	\$250,129
24	(89)	Vice Chan. for Enrollment Mgmt.	1	\$212,570
25	(90)	Project/Program Administrator	28	
26		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
27		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
28		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
29		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
30		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
31		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
32		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
33	(91)	IT Pool	13	
34		Network Engineer		\$200,973
35		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
36		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780

1	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
2	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
3	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
4	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
5	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
6	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
7	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
8	Database Administrator	\$106,607
9	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
10	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
11	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
12	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
13	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
14	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
15	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
16	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
17	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
18	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
19	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
20	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
21	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
22	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
23	Security Analyst	\$90,223
24	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
25	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
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28	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
29	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
30	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
31	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
32	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
33	Database Analyst	\$80,208
34	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
35	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
36	Website Developer	\$77,123

1		Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
2		Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
3		Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
4		Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
5		Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
6		Media Specialist		\$69,975
7		Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
8		Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
9		Computer Operator		\$65,925
10		Network Analyst		\$65,925
11		Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
12		Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
13		Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
14		Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
15		Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
16		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
17	(92)	Dir. of Management Info. Systems	1	\$188,816
18	(93)	Dean	2	\$173,915
19	(94)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$145,572
20	(95)	Controller	1	\$145,172
21	(96)	Associate Director of Computing Serv.	1	\$144,564
22	(97)	Director of University Relations	1	\$142,888
23	(98)	Associate Vice Chancellor	2	\$141,997
24	(99)	Associate Controller	1	\$138,313
25	(100)	Assoc. Director Information Technology	2	\$134,335
26	(101)	Director of Enrollment Services	1	\$122,249
27	(102)	Director of Admissions	1	\$111,453
28	(103)	Institutional Research Coordinator	1	\$111,362
29	(104)	Associate Director of Admissions	2	\$108,117
30	(105)	Coordinator of Career Services	1	\$104,457
31	(106)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$104,457
32	(107)	Instructional Designer	3	\$102,700
33	(108)	Student Development Specialist	2	\$100,654
34	(109)	Associate Director	1	\$100,431
35	(110)	Director of Student Accounts	1	\$95,410
36	(111)	Assistant Director	2	\$94,523

1	(112)	Academic Counselor	10	\$94,342
2	(113)	Learning Center Coordinator	1	\$93,419
3	(114)	Associate Registrar	2	\$88,541
4	(115)	Coord. of Info. & Comm. Relations	1	\$86,850
5	(116)	Coordinator of Admissions	7	\$86,850
6	(117)	Assessment Coordinator	3	\$86,850
7	(118)	Payroll Services Coordinator	1	\$78,713
8	(119)	Academic Advisor	20	\$77,184
9	(120)	Admissions Counselor	18	\$77,184
10	(121)	Sr. Graphic Designer	1	\$76,800
11	(122)	Academic Compliance Officer	1	\$73,767
12	(123)	Accountant II	2	\$72,774
13	(124)	Asst. Dir. Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
14	(125)	HEI Program Coordinator	1	\$69,975
15	(126)	Public Information Specialist	2	\$69,975
16	(127)	Assistant Registrar	5	\$67,284
17	(128)	Financial Aid Analyst	1	\$67,284
18	(129)	Institution Human Resources Coord.	1	\$67,284
19	(130)	Student Accounts Officer	7	\$67,284
20	(131)	Financial Aid Specialist	7	\$62,208
21	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
22	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
23	(132)	Faculty	38	
24		Professor		\$153,170
25		Assoc. Professor		\$135,750
26		Asst. Professor		\$125,302
27		Instructor		\$104,389
28	(133)	Department Chairperson	<u>4</u>	\$146,201
29	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		595	

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31 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - SYSTEM AND VARIOUS DIVISIONS. There is hereby
32 authorized, for the University of Arkansas - System and Various Divisions for
33 the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or
34 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
35 appropriated herein for such purposes: fifty (50) temporary or part-time
36 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the

Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas - Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: ten (10) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - UA GRANTHAM. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas Grantham for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two hundred fifty (250) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - SYSTEM AND VARIOUS DIVISIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - System and Various Divisions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	11,711,463
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,161,924
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	783,137
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,656,524</u>

SECTION 6. ALLOCATIONS. There is hereby allocated, to the various programs of the University of Arkansas, as set out herein, the following amounts of the funds appropriated in the State Operations - System and Various Divisions appropriation section hereof, to the University of Arkansas - System and Various Divisions, there to be used as provided by law, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	MAXIMUM ALLOCATION
NO.	FISCAL YEAR
	2025-2026
(1) SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	\$4,684,994
(2) ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY	4,934,538
(3) CLINTON SCHOOL	2,500,479
(4) CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE	<u>3,536,513</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED	<u>\$15,656,524</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - SYSTEM AND VARIOUS DIVISIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - System and Various Divisions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	14,590,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,250,000
(03) OVERTIME	92,700
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,793,400
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	20,325,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	800,000
(C) PROF. FEES	24,152,570

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,000,000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	0
3	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	4,158,850
4	(07) DEBT SERVICE	4,400,000
5	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
6	INVESTMENTS	50,000
7	(09) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>175,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$75,787,520</u>

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10 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR

11 MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the

12 University of Arkansas, to be payable from the School for Math, Sciences, and

13 Arts Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of

14 Arkansas - Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts for the

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

17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
19	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,466,931
20	(02) EXTRA HELP	27,000
21	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,200,000
22	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,140,000
24	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	400,000
25	(C) PROF. FEES	325,000
26	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	479,888
27	(E) DATA PROC.	0
28	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2,500,000
29	(06) LOANS/REIMBURSEMENT	<u>150,000</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$12,688,819</u>

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32 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR

33 MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the

34 University of Arkansas, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas

35 Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University

36 of Arkansas - Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts for the

fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$900,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	250,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,740,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
(C) PROF. FEES	500,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	4,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	14,000,000
(06) DEBT SERVICE	260,000
(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	35,000
(08) LOANS/REIMBURSEMENT	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$22,215,000</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - CRIMINAL JUSTICE

INSTITUTE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Fund, for education and training to assist the criminal justice community in addressing illicit drug activities in the State, of the University of Arkansas - Criminal Justice Institute for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) ILLICIT DRUG EDUCATION AND TRAINING	<u><u>\$150,000</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ARKANSAS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION OPTICAL NETWORK. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Fund, for operations of the University of Arkansas - Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026

(01) ARKANSAS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION	
OPTICAL NETWORK OPERATIONS	<u>\$2,100,000</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - ARKANSAS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION OPTICAL NETWORK. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,600,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	425,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,000,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
(C) PROF. FEES	650,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	23,000,000
(06) DEBT SERVICE	<u>200,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$32,000,000</u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - UA GRANTHAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas Grantham for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$10,200,000

1	(02)	EXTRA HELP	3,400,000
2	(03)	OVERTIME	100,000
3	(04)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,800,000
4	(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	5,800,000
6	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
7	(C)	PROF. FEES	5,500,000
8	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	400,000
9	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
10	(06)	DEBT SERVICE	2,000,000
11	(07)	FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
12		INVESTMENTS	<u>200,000</u>
13		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$31,500,000</u>

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15 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CRIMINAL
 17 JUSTICE INSTITUTE TRANSFER PROVISION. Immediately upon the effective date of
 18 this Act the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, Treasurer of State and
 19 Auditor of the State shall transfer on their books the sum of one hundred
 20 fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the Special State Assets Forfeiture
 21 Fund to the University of Arkansas Fund for allocation to the Criminal
 22 Justice Institute for education and training to assist the criminal justice
 23 community in addressing the illicit drug activities in the State.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
 25 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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27 SECTION 15. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 28 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 29 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 30 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
 33 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
 34 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
 35 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
 36 disbursement of said funds.

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2 SECTION 16. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
3 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
4 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
5 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
6 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
7 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
8 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
9 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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11 SECTION 17. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
12 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
13 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
14 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
15 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
16 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
17 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
18 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
19 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
20 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
21 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1259

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
AND THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE - ARKANSAS
BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AND
THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE - ARKANSAS
BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTES APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE. There is
hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the
Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement
Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University
of Arkansas - Arkansas Biosciences Institute for the fiscal year ending June
30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$480,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	75,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	800,000



1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,020,563
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,375,563</u></u>

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7 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE - ARKANSAS

8 BIOSCIENCES. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas -

9 Division of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Biosciences

10 Institute Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for

11 personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas -

12 Division of Agriculture - Arkansas Biosciences Institute for the fiscal year

13 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
17	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,370,000
18	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	365,432
19	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	400,000
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
22	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	150,000
24	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,415,432</u></u>

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27 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

28 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER

29 RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be

30 transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as

31 provided by this act.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~

33 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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35 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER

1 PROVISIONS. The state-supported institution of higher education in this act
2 may transfer appropriations between the various line items within each
3 appropriation contained in this appropriation act. Such transfers shall be
4 made only after the approval of the Division of Higher Education and the
5 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the approval of the Legislative
6 Council or Joint Budget Committee.

7 The General Assembly has determined that the institution in this act could
8 be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution
9 and that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer
10 between items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly
11 has granted the institution broad powers under the transfer of
12 appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
13 Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring
14 prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in the
15 utilization of the transfer authority. Therefore, the requirement of
16 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
17 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
18 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
19 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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

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

25 POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the
26 State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding
27 any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event
28 that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

29 (b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when
30 such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized
31 by the Governor.

32 (c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section
33 shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the
34 proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.

35 (d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this
36 Section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional

Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

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

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act
shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made
available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions
of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures
Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors,
and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and
regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as
authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said
funds.

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds
disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act
shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was
adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests,
Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the
budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration,
letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas
Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and
adoption.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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State of Arkansas

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95th General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 124

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
- DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the 2025-2026
fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Salary Rate	
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year	
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
<u>DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE</u>			
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Vice-Pres. for Agriculture/Chance.	1	\$281,159
(2)	Senior Associate Vice President	2	\$247,681
(3)	Associate VP	6	\$242,035
(4)	District Director	3	\$223,888



1	(5)	Assistant VP	6	\$211,785
2	(6)	Project/Program Administrator	170	
3		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
4		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
5		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
6		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
7		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
8		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
9		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
10	(7)	IT Pool	20	
11		Network Engineer		\$200,973
12		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
13		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
14		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
15		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
16		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
17		Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
18		Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
19		System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
20		Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
21		Database Administrator		\$106,607
22		Systems Administrator		\$105,547
23		Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
24		Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
25		Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
26		Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
27		Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
28		Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585
29		Systems Specialist		\$97,585
30		Information Technology Manager		\$96,408
31		Network Support Specialist		\$93,831
32		Senior Software Support Analyst		\$93,831
33		Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$92,374
34		Tech Support/Applications Support		\$92,374
35		Information Systems Business Manager		\$90,223
36		Security Analyst		\$90,223

1	Systems Analyst		\$90,223
2	Information Technology Specialist		\$88,339
3	Computer Support Coordinator		\$86,753
4	Software Support Analyst		\$86,753
5	Systems Applications Supervisor		\$86,753
6	Computer Operations Coordinator		\$83,416
7	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$83,416
8	PC Support Specialist		\$81,860
9	Computer Support Specialist		\$80,208
10	Database Analyst		\$80,208
11	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
12	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
13	Website Developer		\$77,123
14	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
15	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
16	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
17	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
18	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
19	Media Specialist		\$69,975
20	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
21	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
22	Computer Operator		\$65,925
23	Network Analyst		\$65,925
24	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
25	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
26	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
27	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
28	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
29	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
30	(8) County Ext. Agent	210	
31	County Ext. Agent IV		\$199,779
32	County Ext. Agent III		\$193,119
33	County Ext. Agent II		\$134,719
34	County Ext. Agent I		\$124,874
35	(9) Resident Director in Charge	6	\$157,351
36	(10) Associate for Administration	4	\$106,139

1	(11)	Fiscal Support Pool	28	
2		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
3		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
4		Accountant II		\$72,774
5		Accountant I		\$69,975
6		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
7		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
8		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
9		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
10	(12)	Procurement Coordinator	1	\$81,860
11	(13)	Research Technologist	9	\$81,860
12	(14)	Skilled Trades Pool	5	
13		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
14		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
15		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
16		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
17		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
18	(15)	Human Resources Analyst	1	\$72,774
19	(16)	Maintenance Coordinator	3	\$72,774
20	(17)	Assistant Director of Farming	1	\$69,975
21	(18)	Buyer	2	\$69,975
22	(19)	HEI Program Coordinator	3	\$69,975
23	(20)	Administrative Support Pool	143	
24		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
25		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
26		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
27		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
28		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
29		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
30		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
31		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
32		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
33	(21)	Benefits Analyst	1	\$67,284
34	(22)	Maintenance Supervisor	3	\$67,284
35	(23)	Payroll Services Specialist	2	\$67,284
36	(24)	Print Shop Supervisor	1	\$67,284

1	(25)	Institutional Printer	2	\$64,696
2	(26)	Inventory Control Manager	1	\$64,696
3	(27)	Human Resources Specialist	3	\$62,208
4	(28)	Farm Foreman - Inst.	6	\$59,815
5	(29)	Maintenance Specialist	8	\$59,815
6	(30)	Research Assistant	1	\$59,815
7	(31)	Special Events Coordinator	1	\$59,815
8	(32)	Coordinator of Housekeeping	1	\$57,515
9	(33)	Equipment Mechanic	2	\$55,302
10	(34)	Farm Maintenance Mechanic	2	\$55,302
11	(35)	Laboratory Technician	11	\$55,302
12	(36)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$55,302
13	(37)	Special Events Supervisor	1	\$55,302
14	(38)	Warehouse Specialist	1	\$55,302
15	(39)	Greenhouse Technician	1	\$53,175
16	(40)	Heavy Equipment Operator	1	\$53,175
17	(41)	Research Technician	10	\$53,175
18	(42)	CES Program Assistant	36	\$51,130
19	(43)	Maintenance Assistant	2	\$51,130
20	(44)	Research Field Technician	9	\$51,130
21	(45)	Agriculture Farm Technician	6	\$47,272
22	(46)	Agriculture Lab Technician	16	\$47,272
23	(47)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
24	(48)	Institutional Services Assistant	6	\$42,025
25	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
26	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
27	(49)	Faculty	190	
28		Distinguished Professor		\$273,692
29		University Professor		\$253,548
30		Professor		\$234,194
31		Associate Professor		\$199,779
32		Assistant Professor		\$189,024
33		Curator		\$159,536
34		Instructor		\$134,719
35	(50)	Department Chairperson	11	\$239,218
36	(51)	Research Scientist	10	\$174,281

1	(52)	Program Associate	165	\$159,536
2	(53)	Senior Graduate Assistant	60	\$126,328
3	(54)	Post Doctoral Fellow	45	\$126,046
4	(55)	Program Technician	120	\$106,136
5	(56)	Program Assistant	8	\$100,908
6	(57)	Graduate Assistant	77	\$69,636
7		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
8		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
9	(58)	Faculty	25	
10		Distinguished Professor		\$235,631
11		University Professor		\$230,254
12		Professor		\$221,287
13		Associate Professor		\$189,024
14		Assistant Professor		\$183,233
15		Instructor		\$121,805
16		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,471	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seven hundred (700) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$51,095,780
(02) EXTRA HELP	350,000

1	(03) OVERTIME	5,000
2	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	14,468,993
3	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	19,204,000
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6	(C) PROF. FEES	0
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	250,000
8	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$85,373,773</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$20,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	4,500,000
(03) OVERTIME	60,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	6,000,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	27,700,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,400,000
(C) PROF. FEES	2,200,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,500,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	46,000,000
(07) DEBT SERVICE	100,000
(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND INVESTMENTS	20,000
(09) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$119,540,000</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - SOIL TESTING AND RESEARCH.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - Soil Testing and Research Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$991,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	90,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	280,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	675,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,000
(C) PROF. FEES	17,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	495,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	<u>540,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,113,000</u></u>

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PINE TREE RESEARCH STATION.

(a) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall not sell the property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, to a private entity or individual.

(b) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas may sell the property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the Forest Service in 1978, to:

(1) A non-profit corporation organized with the primary mission to keep the land open to the public and available for public use; and

(2) Organized and operated for a minimum of five (5) years.

(c) The property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station,

1 located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of
2 Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America
3 acting through the Forest Service in 1978, shall remain open to the public
4 for public use, including without limitation:

- 5 (1) Public fishing;
- 6 (2) Public hunting;
- 7 (3) Biking;
- 8 (4) Bird watching; and
- 9 (5) Hiking.

10 (d) All property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station,
11 located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of
12 Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America
13 acting through the Forest Service in 1978, in row crop cultivation in the
14 year 2020 is exempt from subsection (c) of this section.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
16 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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18 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
19 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
21 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
24 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
25 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
26 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
27 disbursement of said funds.

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

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2 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
3 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
4 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
5 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
6 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
7 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
8 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
9 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
10 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
11 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
12 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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14 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 127

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
- FAYETTEVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
FAYETTEVILLE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item		No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Dean of Business Administration	1	\$535,685
(2)	Dean of Engineering	1	\$464,261
(3)	Chancellor	1	\$392,837
(4)	Assoc. Dean of Walton Coll. of Bus.	4	\$378,873
(5)	Vice Chan. for Advancement/Development	1	\$321,557



1	(6)	Assoc. Vice Chan. for Advancement	3	\$302,841
2	(7)	Provost	1	\$293,291
3	(8)	Assoc. Vice Chan. for Univ. Info.	1	\$281,362
4	(9)	Assoc. Dean of Engineering	3	\$272,788
5	(10)	Dean of Law	1	\$262,914
6	(11)	Vice Chan. for Finance & Administration	1	\$262,914
7	(12)	Dean	8	\$252,642
8	(13)	Vice Chancellor	2	\$250,129
9	(14)	Associate Dean	13	\$241,167
10	(15)	Sr. Asst. Dean of Business	1	\$241,167
11	(16)	Vice Chan. for Govt. & Comm. Rel.	1	\$238,112
12	(17)	Associate Vice Chancellor	6	\$235,373
13	(18)	Vice Provost	6	\$235,373
14	(19)	Dir. of Community Design Ctr.	1	\$223,888
15	(20)	Director of Deferred Giving	1	\$221,417
16	(21)	Assoc. Vice Provost for Research	2	\$218,054
17	(22)	Asst. V-C for Advancement	2	\$217,051
18	(23)	Dir. of Corp & Foundation Relations	1	\$210,637
19	(24)	Dir. of Research & Sponsored Programs	1	\$208,138
20	(25)	Project/Program Administrator	534	
21		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
22		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
23		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
24		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
25		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
26		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
27		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
28	(26)	IT Pool	194	
29		Network Engineer		\$200,973
30		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
31		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
32		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
33		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
34		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
35		Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
36		Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967

1	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
2	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
3	Database Administrator	\$106,607
4	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
5	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
6	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
7	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
8	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
9	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
10	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
11	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
12	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
13	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
14	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
15	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
16	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
17	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
18	Security Analyst	\$90,223
19	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
20	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
21	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
22	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
23	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
24	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
25	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
26	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
27	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
28	Database Analyst	\$80,208
29	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
30	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
31	Website Developer	\$77,123
32	Information Systems Analyst	\$74,157
33	Information Systems Security Analyst	\$74,157
34	Computer Support Analyst	\$74,157
35	Software Support Specialist	\$71,305
36	Telecommunications Supervisor	\$71,305

1	Media Specialist		\$69,975
2	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
3	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
4	Computer Operator		\$65,925
5	Network Analyst		\$65,925
6	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
7	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
8	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
9	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
10	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
11	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
12	(27) Director of Academic Computing	1	\$197,997
13	(28) Assoc. Vice Chan. for Finance	1	\$187,610
14	(29) Director of Outreach	2	\$185,178
15	(30) Major Gift Development Officer	31	\$185,178
16	(31) Assistant Vice Chancellor	4	\$184,895
17	(32) Assoc. Vice Chan. for Admin.	1	\$184,187
18	(33) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$182,474
19	(34) Assoc. Director of Univ. Info. Tech.	7	\$181,377
20	(35) Assistant to the Chancellor	1	\$180,299
21	(36) Assistant Dean	12	\$177,338
22	(37) Asst. Vice Provost for Research	2	\$177,338
23	(38) Associate Dir. of Development	1	\$175,285
24	(39) Director of Alumni Relations	1	\$175,285
25	(40) Director of Executive Education	1	\$174,724
26	(41) Assoc. Vice Chan. for Business	1	\$173,915
27	(42) Financial Systems Coord.	1	\$173,915
28	(43) Director of Research Accounting	1	\$168,312
29	(44) Director of Information Technology	7	\$166,108
30	(45) Controller	1	\$163,598
31	(46) Director of Financial Aid	1	\$163,598
32	(47) Director of Special Events	1	\$163,598
33	(48) Director of Engineering Systems	5	\$160,132
34	(49) Associate Vice Provost	2	\$159,434
35	(50) Registrar	1	\$158,833
36	(51) Director of Career Services	1	\$156,658

1	(52)	Investment Manager	1	\$156,658
2	(53)	Dir. of Financial & Mgt. Analysis	1	\$155,259
3	(54)	Director of Affirmative Action	1	\$154,818
4	(55)	Development/Advancement Admin	52	
5		Development/Advancement Director		\$154,739
6		Development/Advancement Manager		\$123,019
7		Development/Advancement Specialist		\$106,139
8	(56)	Asst. Dir. Res. Support & Spons. Progs.	1	\$154,218
9	(57)	Assessment Director	1	\$150,379
10	(58)	Business Manager	1	\$148,637
11	(59)	Dir. Business and Economic Research	1	\$148,203
12	(60)	Assoc. Controller	1	\$145,172
13	(61)	Annual Fund Coordinator	1	\$143,176
14	(62)	Budget Director	1	\$143,176
15	(63)	Director of Distance Learning	1	\$142,562
16	(64)	Director of University Police	1	\$141,477
17	(65)	Architect	1	\$139,235
18	(66)	Dir. of General Adult Education	1	\$135,746
19	(67)	Assoc. Director Information Technology	4	\$134,335
20	(68)	Assoc. Dir. of Executive Education	2	\$129,974
21	(69)	Dir. of the Office of Industry Engage	1	\$129,974
22	(70)	Dir. of Credit Studies	1	\$129,480
23	(71)	Director of Student Activities	1	\$128,623
24	(72)	Master Scientific Research Tech.	16	\$123,019
25	(73)	Director of University Relations	1	\$121,808
26	(74)	Academic Counselor	77	\$120,656
27	(75)	Asst. to the Provost	1	\$119,435
28	(76)	Student Development Specialist	87	\$115,871
29	(77)	Asst. Dir. of Affirm Action	2	\$111,754
30	(78)	Coord. of Academic Space	1	\$111,360
31	(79)	Assoc. Dir. of Enhanced Learning Ctr.	1	\$108,268
32	(80)	Associate Director of Admissions	1	\$108,117
33	(81)	Associate Director of Financial Aid	1	\$108,117
34	(82)	Police Captain	4	\$107,137
35	(83)	Instructional Designer	23	\$106,742
36	(84)	Coordinator of Grants Management	8	\$106,608

1	(85)	Conference Coordinator	10	\$104,390
2	(86)	Engineer Supervisor	1	\$103,579
3	(87)	Scientific Research Technologist	18	\$101,740
4	(88)	Assistant to the Dean	10	\$96,726
5	(89)	Fiscal Support Pool	118	
6		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
7		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
8		Accountant II		\$72,774
9		Accountant I		\$69,975
10		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
11		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
12		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
13		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
14	(90)	Public Information Manager	1	\$92,082
15	(91)	Public Safety Pool	55	
16		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
17		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
18		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
19		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
20		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
21		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
22		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
23		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
24		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
25		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
26		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
27		Security Officer		\$47,272
28		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
29		Watchman		\$38,855
30	(92)	Associate Registrar	6	\$88,541
31	(93)	UAF Construction Coordinator	7	\$88,541
32	(94)	Licensing Administrator	1	\$87,485
33	(95)	Personnel Manager	3	\$85,136
34	(96)	Procurement Manager	1	\$85,136
35	(97)	Buyer Supervisor	1	\$78,713
36	(98)	Development Specialist	10	\$78,713

1	(99)	Payroll Services Coordinator	2	\$78,713
2	(100)	Procurement Coordinator	5	\$78,713
3	(101)	Editor	2	\$75,685
4	(102)	Human Resources Analyst	10	\$75,685
5	(103)	Maintenance Coordinator	3	\$75,685
6	(104)	Research Project Analyst	5	\$75,685
7	(105)	Staff Development Coordinator	1	\$75,685
8	(106)	Skilled Trades Pool	142	
9		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
10		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
11		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
12		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
13		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
14	(107)	Buyer	3	\$69,975
15	(108)	Const./Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$69,975
16	(109)	EEO/Grievance Officer	2	\$69,975
17	(110)	HEI Program Coordinator	76	\$69,975
18	(111)	Human Resources Recruiter	1	\$69,975
19	(112)	Occupational Safety Coordinator	4	\$69,975
20	(113)	Public Information Specialist	2	\$69,975
21	(114)	Student Applications Specialist	8	\$69,975
22	(115)	Administrative Support Pool	234	
23		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
24		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
25		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
26		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
27		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
28		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
29		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
30		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
31		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
32	(116)	Assistant Registrar	2	\$67,284
33	(117)	Benefits Analyst	1	\$67,284
34	(118)	Fabrication Shop Manager	1	\$67,284
35	(119)	Financial Aid Analyst	10	\$67,284
36	(120)	Library Support Pool	43	

1	Library Supervisor		\$67,284
2	Library Specialist		\$57,515
3	Library Technician		\$53,175
4	Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
5	(121) Maintenance Supervisor	3	\$67,284
6	(122) Payroll Services Specialist	4	\$67,284
7	(123) Special Events Manager	4	\$67,284
8	(124) Student Accounts Officer	2	\$67,284
9	(125) Architectural Draftsman	1	\$64,696
10	(126) Warehouse Manager	1	\$64,696
11	(127) Financial Aid Specialist	2	\$62,208
12	(128) Human Resources Specialist	5	\$62,208
13	(129) Inventory Control Manager	3	\$62,208
14	(130) Landscape Supervisor	5	\$62,208
15	(131) Lodge Housekeeping Supervisor	1	\$62,208
16	(132) Logistics Manager	1	\$62,208
17	(133) Photographer	1	\$62,208
18	(134) Research Assistant	1	\$59,815
19	(135) Coordinator of Housekeeping	11	\$57,515
20	(136) Equipment Mechanic	2	\$55,302
21	(137) Landscape Specialist	3	\$55,302
22	(138) Payroll Officer	1	\$55,302
23	(139) Warehouse Specialist	1	\$55,302
24	(140) Admissions Analyst	5	\$53,175
25	(141) Heavy Equipment Operator	8	\$53,175
26	(142) Cashier	3	\$51,130
27	(143) Inventory Control Technician	8	\$51,130
28	(144) Mail Services Coordinator	1	\$49,164
29	(145) Registrar's Assistant	9	\$49,164
30	(146) Special Events Worker	1	\$47,272
31	(147) Institutional Services Supervisor	19	\$43,706
32	(148) Institutional Services Assistant	136	\$42,025
33	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
34	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
35	(149) Faculty	202	
36	Distinguished Professor		\$466,257

1		University Professor		\$253,548
2		Professor - Law		\$240,147
3		Professor		\$234,194
4		Associate Professor - Law		\$217,696
5		Associate Professor		\$199,779
6		Assistant Professor		\$189,025
7		Instructor		\$134,719
8		Master Teacher		\$126,984
9	(150)	Departmental Chairperson - WCOB	7	\$390,239
10	(151)	Department Chairperson - Engineering	8	\$371,409
11	(152)	Department Chairperson	33	\$321,557
12	(153)	Library Faculty	47	
13		Librarian		\$161,175
14		Associate Librarian		\$148,295
15		Assistant Librarian		\$123,035
16	(154)	Research Associate	38	\$159,536
17	(155)	Curator Faculty	1	
18		Curator		\$159,535
19		Assoc. Curator		\$151,080
20		Asst. Curator		\$123,035
21	(156)	Senior Graduate Assistant	145	\$137,524
22	(157)	Post Doctoral Fellow	31	\$126,046
23	(158)	Senior Research Assistant	40	\$100,907
24	(159)	Teaching Associate	31	\$100,907
25	(160)	Senior Library Assistant	20	\$96,743
26	(161)	Graduate Assistant	226	\$75,763
27		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
28		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
29	(162)	Walton College of Business Faculty	148	
30		Distinguished Professor - WCOB		\$390,240
31		University Professor		\$375,995
32		Professor		\$361,751
33		Associate Professor		\$281,362
34		Assistant Professor		\$257,245
35	(163)	Faculty	946	
36		Distinguished Professor		\$321,557

1		Distinguished Professor - Law		\$252,557
2		University Professor		\$241,167
3		Professor - Law		\$235,986
4		Professor		\$230,254
5		Associate Professor - Law		\$203,374
6		Associate Professor		\$189,025
7		Assistant Professor - Law		\$189,025
8		Assistant Professor		\$183,233
9		Instructor		\$121,805
10		Lecturer		\$107,878
11	(164)	College of Engineering Faculty	142	
12		Distinguished Professor - Engineering		\$371,409
13		University Professor		\$314,771
14		Professor		\$272,788
15		Associate Professor		\$227,324
16		Assistant Professor		\$189,436
17	(165)	Senior Graduate Assistant	115	\$128,527
18	(166)	Research Associate	2	\$119,296
19	(167)	Graduate Assistant	440	\$75,763
20		<u>ARKANSAS GARVAN WOODLAND GARDENS</u>		
21		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
22		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
23	(168)	Project/Program Administrator	13	
24		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
25		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
26		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
27		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
28		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
29		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
30		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
31	(169)	Exec. Dir. Arkansas Garvan Gardens	1	\$155,468
32		<u>U of A FAYETTEVILLE</u>		
33		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
34		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
35	(170)	Vice Chancellor - Athletics	1	\$681,971
36	(171)	Medical Director	1	\$290,040

1	(172)	Exec. Associate Athletic Director	4	\$257,245
2	(173)	Head Basketball Coach	2	\$255,265
3	(174)	Head Football Coach	1	\$255,265
4	(175)	Physician - Health Center	12	\$252,837
5	(176)	Sr. Associate Athletic Director	5	\$220,187
6	(177)	Project/Program Administrator	102	
7		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
8		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
9		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
10		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
11		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
12		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
13		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
14	(178)	IT Pool	11	
15		Network Engineer		\$200,973
16		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
17		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
18		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
19		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
20		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
21		Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
22		Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
23		System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
24		Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
25		Database Administrator		\$106,607
26		Systems Administrator		\$105,547
27		Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
28		Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
29		Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
30		Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
31		Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
32		Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585
33		Systems Specialist		\$97,585
34		Information Technology Manager		\$96,408
35		Network Support Specialist		\$93,831
36		Senior Software Support Analyst		\$93,831

1	Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$92,374
2	Tech Support/Applications Support		\$92,374
3	Information Systems Business Manager		\$90,223
4	Security Analyst		\$90,223
5	Systems Analyst		\$90,223
6	Information Technology Specialist		\$88,339
7	Computer Support Coordinator		\$86,753
8	Software Support Analyst		\$86,753
9	Systems Applications Supervisor		\$86,753
10	Computer Operations Coordinator		\$83,416
11	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$83,416
12	PC Support Specialist		\$81,860
13	Computer Support Specialist		\$80,208
14	Database Analyst		\$80,208
15	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
16	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
17	Website Developer		\$77,123
18	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
19	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
20	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
21	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
22	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
23	Media Specialist		\$69,975
24	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
25	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
26	Computer Operator		\$65,925
27	Network Analyst		\$65,925
28	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
29	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
30	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
31	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
32	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
33	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
34	(179) Assoc. Dir. of Athletics	6	\$197,212
35	(180) Asst. Football Coach	9	\$186,183
36	(181) Defensive Coordinator	1	\$186,183

1	(182)	Offensive Coordinator	1	\$186,183
2	(183)	Head Gymnastics Coach	1	\$174,177
3	(184)	Head Track Coach	2	\$174,177
4	(185)	Assistant Director of Athletics	8	\$167,448
5	(186)	Director of Counseling	1	\$165,548
6	(187)	Dir. of Residence Life	1	\$164,332
7	(188)	Asst. Basketball Coach	6	\$164,024
8	(189)	Head Baseball Coach	1	\$152,956
9	(190)	Head Coach	2	\$152,956
10	(191)	Head Golf Coach	2	\$152,956
11	(192)	Head Soccer Coach	1	\$152,956
12	(193)	Head Softball Coach	1	\$152,956
13	(194)	Head Strength and Conditioning Coach	1	\$152,956
14	(195)	Head Swimming Coach	1	\$152,956
15	(196)	Head Tennis Coach	2	\$152,956
16	(197)	Head Volleyball Coach	1	\$152,956
17	(198)	Nutritionist	2	\$144,761
18	(199)	Marketing / Promotions Manager	3	\$142,891
19	(200)	Stadium Manager	1	\$142,891
20	(201)	Head Athletic Trainer	3	\$132,571
21	(202)	Advanced Practice Nurse	7	\$127,234
22	(203)	Patient Care Supervisor	1	\$125,109
23	(204)	Project Coordinator	11	\$121,922
24	(205)	Mental Health Clinician	24	\$121,808
25	(206)	Pilot	4	\$121,663
26	(207)	Academic Counselor	14	\$120,656
27	(208)	Student Development Specialist	14	\$115,871
28	(209)	Mental Health Professional I	3	\$111,687
29	(210)	Asst. Swimming Coach	2	\$110,759
30	(211)	Associate for Administration	5	\$110,759
31	(212)	Asst. Tennis Coach	2	\$110,759
32	(213)	Asst. Volleyball Coach	2	\$110,759
33	(214)	Media Facilities Coordinator	6	\$110,759
34	(215)	Assistant Golf Coach	2	\$106,329
35	(216)	Assistant Gymnastics Coach	2	\$106,329
36	(217)	Assistant Softball Coach	2	\$106,329

1	(218)	Asst. Track Coach	4	\$106,329
2	(219)	Assistant Coach	13	\$106,328
3	(220)	Asst. Baseball Coach	2	\$106,328
4	(221)	Asst. Soccer Coach	2	\$106,328
5	(222)	Registered Nurse III	10	\$103,898
6	(223)	Fiscal Support Pool	23	
7		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
8		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
9		Accountant II		\$72,774
10		Accountant I		\$69,975
11		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
12		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
13		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
14		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
15	(224)	Asst. Trainer	18	\$84,371
16	(225)	UAF Assistant Business Manager	1	\$81,860
17	(226)	Procurement Coordinator	1	\$78,713
18	(227)	Graduate Assistant	14	\$75,763
19	(228)	Medical Technologist Supervisor	1	\$75,685
20	(229)	Skilled Trades Pool	57	
21		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
22		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
23		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
24		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
25		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
26	(230)	Coord. of Sports Information	1	\$72,774
27	(231)	Associate Bookstore Manager	1	\$69,975
28	(232)	Buyer	1	\$69,975
29	(233)	HEI Program Coordinator	23	\$69,975
30	(234)	Administrative Support Pool	40	
31		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
32		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
33		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
34		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
35		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
36		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175

1		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
2		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
3		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
4	(235)	Medical Records Supervisor	2	\$67,284
5	(236)	Medical Technologist	8	\$67,284
6	(237)	Transit Operations Supervisor	5	\$67,284
7	(238)	Food Service Pool	1	
8		Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
9		Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
10		Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
11		Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
12		Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
13	(239)	Warehouse Manager	2	\$64,696
14	(240)	Inventory Control Manager	3	\$62,208
15	(241)	Landscape Supervisor	1	\$62,208
16	(242)	Legal Support Specialist	1	\$62,208
17	(243)	Licensed Practical Nurse	4	\$62,208
18	(244)	Logistics Manager	1	\$62,208
19	(245)	Medical Billing Specialist	4	\$62,208
20	(246)	Assistant Bookstore Manager	1	\$59,815
21	(247)	Auto/Diesel Mechanic	2	\$59,815
22	(248)	Medical Records Technician	4	\$59,815
23	(249)	Athletic Facilities Supervisor	10	\$57,515
24	(250)	Coordinator of Housekeeping	7	\$57,515
25	(251)	Collector	1	\$55,302
26	(252)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$55,302
27	(253)	Vehicle Facilities Coordinator	4	\$55,302
28	(254)	Laboratory Technician	1	\$55,302
29	(255)	Certified Nursing Assistant	8	\$53,175
30	(256)	Institutional Bus Driver	41	\$53,175
31	(257)	Cashier	3	\$51,130
32	(258)	Maintenance Assistant	5	\$51,130
33	(259)	Radio Dispatch Operator	5	\$49,164
34	(260)	Purchasing Assistant	1	\$47,272
35	(261)	Equipment Operator	1	\$45,455
36	(262)	Parking Control Officer	12	\$45,455

1	(263)	Shipping & Receiving Clerk	3	\$45,455
2	(264)	Institutional Services Supervisor	8	\$43,706
3	(265)	Institutional Services Assistant	<u>77</u>	\$42,025
4		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5,591	

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6 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 7 the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
 8 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 9 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:
 10 three thousand two hundred eight (3,208) temporary or part-time employees,
 11 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 12 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 13 appropriate classification.

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15 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 16 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the
 17 University of Arkansas Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of
 18 the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 19 2026, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$113,500,000
24	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	26,800,000
25	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	9,742,713
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
28	(C) PROF. FEES	0
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30	(E) DATA PROC.	0
31	(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>7,502,136</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$157,544,849</u>

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34 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 35 to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from cash funds as defined by
 36 Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the

University of Arkansas - Fayetteville for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$371,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	35,000,000
(03) OVERTIME	3,500,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	82,000,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	218,050,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000,000
(C) PROF. FEES	70,000,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	85,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	180,000,000
(07) DEBT SERVICE	88,600,000
(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>2,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,155,150,000</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Fund, from special revenues received from additional uniform filing fees in circuit court as authorized by Arkansas Code Annotated 16-10-314, for expenses of the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville - School of Law for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SCHOOL OF LAW EXPENSES	<u>\$800,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS - PARTNERS FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Fund, for personal services, maintenance and operating expenses, matching funds; or

grants for the development of a state center and satellite centers to provide training, consultation, and support to families and professionals for autism and related disabilities across the State, of the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville - Partners for Inclusive Communities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) PARTNERS FOR INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES - PERSONAL SERVICES, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING EXPENSES, MATCHING, AND GRANTS	<u>\$250,000</u>

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

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

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
3 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
4 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
5 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
6 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
7 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
8 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1264

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
- FORT SMITH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
FORT SMITH APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item		No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Chancellor	1	\$290,076
(2)	Provost	1	\$232,104
(3)	Vice Chancellor for Univ. Relations	1	\$215,850
(4)	Vice Chan. for Finance & Administration	1	\$215,850



1	(5)	Vice Chan. for Advancement/Development	1	\$212,570
2	(6)	Vice Chan. for Enrollment Mgmt	1	\$212,570
3	(7)	Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$212,570
4	(8)	Project/Program Administrator	43	
5		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
6		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
7		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
8		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
9		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
10		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
11		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
12	(9)	IT Pool	20	
13		Network Engineer		\$200,973
14		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
15		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
16		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
17		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
18		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
19		Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
20		Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
21		System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
22		Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
23		Database Administrator		\$106,607
24		Systems Administrator		\$105,547
25		Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
26		Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
27		Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
28		Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
29		Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
30		Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585
31		Systems Specialist		\$97,585
32		Information Technology Manager		\$96,408
33		Network Support Specialist		\$93,831
34		Senior Software Support Analyst		\$93,831
35		Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$92,374
36		Tech Support/Applications Support		\$92,374

1	Information Systems Business Manager		\$90,223
2	Security Analyst		\$90,223
3	Systems Analyst		\$90,223
4	Information Technology Specialist		\$88,339
5	Computer Support Coordinator		\$86,753
6	Software Support Analyst		\$86,753
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16	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
17	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
18	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
19	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
20	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
21	Media Specialist		\$69,975
22	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
23	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
24	Computer Operator		\$65,925
25	Network Analyst		\$65,925
26	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
27	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
28	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
29	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
30	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
31	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
32	(10) Director of University Communications	1	\$193,822
33	(11) Dir. of Management Info. Systems	1	\$188,816
34	(12) Assoc. Vice Chan. for Finance & Admin.	1	\$186,805
35	(13) Dean	6	\$173,915
36	(14) Assoc. Vice Chan. for Planning & Account	1	\$168,029

1	(15)	Controller	1	\$166,632
2	(16)	Assistant Dean	3	\$163,388
3	(17)	Dean of Business & Professional Inst.	1	\$158,777
4	(18)	Dean of Work Force Development	1	\$158,777
5	(19)	Director of Plant Operations / Eng.	1	\$156,844
6	(20)	Dean of Instructional Development	1	\$156,463
7	(21)	Director of Annual Fund	1	\$154,802
8	(22)	Director of Major Gifts	1	\$154,802
9	(23)	Director of Planned Giving	1	\$154,802
10	(24)	Registrar	1	\$152,582
11	(25)	Dir. of Community & Cont. Ed.	1	\$147,950
12	(26)	Associate Director of Computing Serv.	4	\$144,564
13	(27)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$144,564
14	(28)	Assistant to the Chancellor	1	\$141,997
15	(29)	Director of Admissions	1	\$132,227
16	(30)	Director of Student Financial Aid	1	\$132,227
17	(31)	Assistant Director of Plant Oper.	1	\$128,436
18	(32)	Director of Evening & Special Programs	1	\$128,224
19	(33)	Director of Media Services	1	\$127,503
20	(34)	Director of University Police	1	\$122,701
21	(35)	Development Officer	5	\$122,528
22	(36)	Budget Director	1	\$120,948
23	(37)	Dir. of Placement/Career Services	1	\$120,947
24	(38)	Director of Workforce Development	1	\$114,149
25	(39)	Director of Sys. Prog. & Database Svcs.	1	\$111,761
26	(40)	Director of Academic Support Services	1	\$106,742
27	(41)	Dir. of Educational Assessment	1	\$106,740
28	(42)	Director of Disability Services	1	\$106,607
29	(43)	Administrator of Grants and Contracts	1	\$105,718
30	(44)	Development/Advancement Specialist	5	\$104,674
31	(45)	Instructional Designer	2	\$102,700
32	(46)	Workforce Specialist	4	\$93,055
33	(47)	Fiscal Support Pool	18	
34		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
35		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
36		Accountant II		\$72,774

1	Accountant I		\$69,975
2	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
3	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
4	Accounting Technician		\$55,302
5	Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
6	(48) Public Safety Pool	15	
7	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
8	Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
9	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
10	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
11	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
12	Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
13	Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
14	Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
15	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
16	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
17	Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
18	Security Officer		\$47,272
19	Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
20	Watchman		\$38,855
21	(49) Institutional Assistant	11	\$89,980
22	(50) Procurement Manager	1	\$85,136
23	(51) Academic Advisor	42	\$83,172
24	(52) Public Information Coordinator	1	\$81,860
25	(53) Director of Administrative Support	1	\$81,473
26	(54) Skilled Trades Pool	29	
27	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
28	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
29	Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
30	Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
31	Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
32	(55) Editor	1	\$72,774
33	(56) Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$72,774
34	(57) Research Project Analyst	1	\$72,774
35	(58) Buyer	3	\$69,975
36	(59) HEI Program Coordinator	4	\$69,975

1	(60)	Occupational Safety Coordinator	1	\$69,975
2	(61)	Administrative Support Pool	48	
3		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
4		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
5		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
6		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
7		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
8		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
9		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
10		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
11		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
12	(62)	Assistant Registrar	2	\$67,284
13	(63)	Library Support Pool	4	
14		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
15		Library Specialist		\$57,515
16		Library Technician		\$53,175
17		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
18	(64)	Commercial Graphic Artist	2	\$64,696
19	(65)	Financial Aid Specialist	2	\$62,208
20	(66)	Human Resources Specialist	3	\$62,208
21	(67)	Maintenance Specialist	2	\$59,815
22	(68)	Research Assistant	1	\$59,815
23	(69)	Special Events Coordinator	1	\$59,815
24	(70)	Maintenance Assistant	4	\$51,130
25	(71)	Mail Services Coordinator	1	\$49,164
26	(72)	Registrar's Assistant	4	\$49,164
27	(73)	Institutional Services Supervisor	7	\$43,706
28	(74)	Institutional Services Assistant	10	\$42,025
29		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
30		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
31	(75)	Faculty	25	
32		Professor		\$197,881
33		Assistant Professor		\$156,658
34		Instructor		\$128,780
35	(76)	Department Chairperson	20	\$192,886
36	(77)	Director of Library Services	1	\$183,591

1	(78)	Librarian	7	\$132,579
2	(79)	Clinical Instructor	6	\$99,620
3		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
4		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
5	(80)	Faculty	240	
6		Distinguished Professor		\$212,395
7		Professor		\$186,326
8		Associate Professor		\$163,351
9		Assistant Professor		\$136,756
10		Instructor		\$106,699
11		Lecturer		\$89,546
12	(81)	Clinical Instructor	10	\$79,611
13	(82)	Part-Time Faculty	300	\$56,046
14	(83)	Graduate Assistant	1	\$35,147
15		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
16		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
17	(84)	Project/Program Administrator	6	
18		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
19		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
20		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
21		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
22		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
23		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
24		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
25	(85)	Director of Athletics	1	\$159,847
26	(86)	Coach	8	\$146,048
27	(87)	Director of Auxiliary Enterprises	1	\$140,297
28	(88)	Assistant Director of Athletics	1	\$122,257
29	(89)	Senior Women's Sports Administrator	1	\$122,257
30	(90)	Assistant Coach	10	\$114,807
31	(91)	Head Athletic Trainer	1	\$114,807
32	(92)	Director of Student Activities	1	\$100,904
33	(93)	Academic Advisor	1	\$83,172
34	(94)	Sports Information Director	1	\$77,184
35	(95)	Compliance Officer	1	\$73,767
36	(96)	Residential Life Coordinator	2	\$73,767

1	(97)	Administrative Support Pool	3	
2		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
3		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
4		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
5		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
6		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
7		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
8		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
9		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
10		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
11	(98)	Assistant Athletic Trainer	2	\$49,549
12		<u>WESTERN ARKANSAS AREA TECHNICAL CENTER</u>		
13		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
14		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
15	(99)	Dir. Western Arkansas Area Tech Ctr.	1	\$135,512
16	(100)	Asst. Dir. Western Ark Area Tech Ctr.	1	\$119,914
17	(101)	Workforce Specialist	1	\$93,055
18	(102)	Academic Advisor	2	\$77,184
19	(103)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
20		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
21		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
22		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
23		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
24		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
25		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
26		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
27		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
28		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
29		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
30		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
31	(104)	Faculty	10	\$111,361
32	(105)	Part-Time Faculty	<u>10</u>	\$56,046
33		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,025	

35 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
36 the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the

following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: nine hundred ten (910) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$19,273,410
(02) EXTRA HELP	500,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,600,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,600,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	20,000
(06) CONTINGENCY	<u>1,299,671</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$27,293,081</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

1	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$25,000,000
2	(02)	EXTRA HELP	1,155,000
3	(03)	OVERTIME	50,000
4	(04)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	8,000,000
5	(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
6		(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,000,000
7		(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	600,000
8		(C) PROF. FEES	1,600,000
9		(D) CAP. OUTLAY	5,250,000
10		(E) DATA PROC.	0
11	(06)	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	31,500,000
12	(07)	DEBT SERVICE	8,000,000
13	(08)	FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
14		INVESTMENTS	12,000,000
15	(09)	PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>125,000</u>
16		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$118,280,000</u>

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18 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

19 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

21 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction

24 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where

25 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and

26 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in

27 disbursement of said funds.

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29 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

30 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

31 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

32 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

33 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

34 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

35 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

36 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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2 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
3 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
4 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
5 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
6 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
7 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
8 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
9 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
10 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
11 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
12 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1265

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
AT LITTLE ROCK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT
LITTLE ROCK APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item		No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Dean of STEM	1	\$418,024
(2)	Chancellor	1	\$386,768
(3)	Vice Prov. for Res., Innovation & Com.	1	\$282,791
(4)	Provost	1	\$268,500



1	(5)	Dean of Business, Health, and Human Serv.	1	\$263,509
2	(6)	Dean Humanities, Arts, Soc. Sciences & Ed.	1	\$263,509
3	(7)	Dean of Law	1	\$262,220
4	(8)	Chief of Staff	1	\$232,104
5	(9)	Vice Chan. for Finance & Administration	1	\$225,261
6	(10)	Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$225,261
7	(11)	Vice Chancellor	1	\$221,840
8	(12)	Vice Chan. for Advancement/Development	1	\$221,840
9	(13)	Vice Provost - Archives & Collections	1	\$214,999
10	(14)	Dean	2	\$214,997
11	(15)	Project/Program Administrator	82	
12		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
13		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
14		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
15		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
16		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
17		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
18		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
19	(16)	Associate Dean - STEM	2	\$204,728
20	(17)	IT Pool	28	
21		Network Engineer		\$200,973
22		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
23		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
24		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
25		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
26		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
27		Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
28		Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
29		System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
30		Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
31		Database Administrator		\$106,607
32		Systems Administrator		\$105,547
33		Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
34		Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
35		Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
36		Computer Support Manager		\$97,585

1	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
2	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
3	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
4	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
5	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
6	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
7	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
8	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
9	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
10	Security Analyst	\$90,223
11	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
12	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
13	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
14	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
15	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
16	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
17	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
18	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
19	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
20	Database Analyst	\$80,208
21	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
22	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
23	Website Developer	\$77,123
24	Information Systems Analyst	\$74,157
25	Information Systems Security Analyst	\$74,157
26	Computer Support Analyst	\$74,157
27	Software Support Specialist	\$71,305
28	Telecommunications Supervisor	\$71,305
29	Media Specialist	\$69,975
30	Computer Support Technician	\$68,562
31	Help Desk Specialist	\$68,562
32	Computer Operator	\$65,925
33	Network Analyst	\$65,925
34	Telecommunications Specialist	\$65,925
35	Multimedia Specialist	\$62,208
36	Information Technology Assistant	\$58,608

1	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
2	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
3	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
4	(18) Associate Vice Chancellor	10	\$194,960
5	(19) Dir. Ark. Institute Econ. Advance.	1	\$193,822
6	(20) Chief Information Security Officer	1	\$193,384
7	(21) Dir. of Institute on Race & Ethnicity	1	\$191,605
8	(22) Director of Arkansas SBTDC	1	\$188,816
9	(23) Director of Digital Strategy	1	\$188,816
10	(24) Division Chief	2	\$185,702
11	(25) Assistant Dean - STEM	2	\$177,338
12	(26) Asst. Vice Chan. for Student Affairs	3	\$174,046
13	(27) Director of Information Technology	2	\$174,046
14	(28) Director of Administrative Services	1	\$173,915
15	(29) Director of Financial Services	1	\$173,915
16	(30) Director of Distance Learning	1	\$173,466
17	(31) Director of International Programs	1	\$173,466
18	(32) Dir. of Research & Sponsored Programs	1	\$173,466
19	(33) Associate Dean	10	\$172,300
20	(34) Director Facilities Management	1	\$163,702
21	(35) Assistant Dean	6	\$163,388
22	(36) Director of Records & Registration	1	\$156,464
23	(37) Director of Counseling	1	\$154,803
24	(38) Development/Advancement Admin.	15	
25	Development/Advancement Director		\$152,602
26	Development/Advancement Manager		\$121,320
27	Development/Advancement Specialist		\$104,674
28	(39) Director of University Police	1	\$146,532
29	(40) Director of Human Resources	1	\$146,532
30	(41) HR Associate Director	2	\$146,532
31	(42) Assoc. Director Information Technology	4	\$144,564
32	(43) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$142,085
33	(44) Director of Financial Aid	1	\$141,348
34	(45) Dir. of Community Partnerships	1	\$137,620
35	(46) Director of Health Services	1	\$135,999
36	(47) Dean of Students	1	\$131,622

1	(48)	Director of Admissions	1	\$131,622
2	(49)	Chemical Hygiene Officer	1	\$127,980
3	(50)	Assoc. Dir. Research & Sponsored Prog.	1	\$127,278
4	(51)	Director of Finance	8	\$126,225
5	(52)	Dir. of Adm. & Registrar/Law	1	\$125,301
6	(53)	Project Coordinator	3	\$121,923
7	(54)	Academic/Student Support	85	
8		Academic Counselor - STEM		\$120,656
9		Student Development Specialist		\$106,608
10		Academic Counselor		\$94,342
11	(55)	Director of Testing Services	1	\$119,695
12	(56)	Director of Alumni Relations	1	\$113,661
13	(57)	APAC Coordinator	1	\$111,531
14	(58)	Registered Nurse Practitioner	2	\$110,698
15	(59)	Director of Student Activities	1	\$109,445
16	(60)	Director of Disability Services	1	\$106,608
17	(61)	Coord. of Intramural Activities	1	\$103,400
18	(62)	Associate Director of Financial Aid	1	\$99,424
19	(63)	Fiscal Support Pool	15	
20		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
21		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
22		Accountant II		\$72,774
23		Accountant I		\$69,975
24		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
25		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
26		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
27		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
28	(64)	Archivist	2	\$91,593
29	(65)	Public Safety Pool	39	
30		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
31		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
32		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
33		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
34		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
35		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
36		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925

1		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
2		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
3		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
4		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
5		Security Officer		\$47,272
6		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
7		Watchman		\$38,855
8	(66)	Institutional Assistant	65	\$89,980
9	(67)	Campus Maintenance Supervisor	2	\$78,713
10	(68)	Education Counselor	6	\$78,713
11	(69)	Skilled Trades Pool	25	
12		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
13		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
14		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
15		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
16		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
17	(70)	Budget Specialist	3	\$72,774
18	(71)	Editor	2	\$72,774
19	(72)	Maintenance Coordinator	2	\$72,774
20	(73)	Research Project Analyst	3	\$72,774
21	(74)	Buyer	6	\$69,975
22	(75)	HEI Program Coordinator	22	\$69,975
23	(76)	Administrative Support Pool	68	
24		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
25		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
26		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
27		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
28		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
29		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
30		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
31		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
32		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
33	(77)	Assistant Registrar	5	\$67,284
34	(78)	Library Support Pool	8	
35		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
36		Library Specialist		\$57,515

1	Library Technician		\$53,175
2	Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
3	(79) Maintenance Supervisor	2	\$67,284
4	(80) Special Events Manager	1	\$67,284
5	(81) Archival Assistant	2	\$64,696
6	(82) Stationary Engineer	5	\$64,696
7	(83) Warehouse Manager	1	\$64,696
8	(84) Commercial Artist I/Graphic Art I	1	\$62,208
9	(85) Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
10	(86) Landscape Supervisor	2	\$62,208
11	(87) Logistics Manager	1	\$62,208
12	(88) Landscape Specialist	1	\$55,302
13	(89) Maintenance Assistant	8	\$51,130
14	(90) Mail Services Assistant	3	\$45,455
15	(91) Institutional Services Supervisor	5	\$43,706
16	(92) Institutional Services Assistant	45	\$42,025
17	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
18	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
19	(93) Department Chairperson	37	
20	Department Chair - STEM		\$228,689
21	Department Chair		\$201,304
22	Director		\$201,304
23	(94) Faculty	57	
24	University Professor - STEM		\$226,285
25	Professor - STEM		\$223,889
26	University Professor		\$214,168
27	Professor		\$197,881
28	Assoc. Professor - STEM		\$191,033
29	Assoc. Professor		\$184,186
30	Asst. Professor - STEM		\$180,763
31	Asst. Professor		\$156,658
32	Instructor - STEM		\$140,122
33	Instructor		\$128,780
34	(95) Economic Forecaster	1	\$218,200
35	(96) Research/Extension Specialist	30	
36	Senior Research/Extension Spec.		\$197,881

1		Research/Extension Specialist		\$184,187
2		Associate Research/Extension Spec.		\$156,658
3		Assistant Research/Extension Spec.		\$122,453
4	(97)	Research Support	158	
5		Research Associate		\$146,533
6		Research Scientist		\$144,484
7		Post Doctoral Fellow		\$122,236
8		Senior Research Assistant - STEM		\$100,908
9		Senior Research Assistant		\$87,718
10	(98)	Librarian	16	\$112,217
11	(99)	Extension Assistant	4	\$87,718
12		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATION AND GENERAL</u>		
13		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
14	(100)	Faculty	355	
15		Distinguished Professor - Law		\$241,426
16		Professor - Law		\$225,603
17		Distinguished Professor		\$221,655
18		Professor - STEM		\$211,566
19		University Professor		\$210,452
20		Professor		\$194,459
21		Associate Professor - Law		\$194,459
22		Associate Professor - STEM		\$180,763
23		Assistant Professor - Law		\$180,763
24		Assistant Professor - STEM		\$175,235
25		Associate Professor		\$170,492
26		Assistant Professor		\$142,719
27		Instructor		\$111,361
28	(101)	Lecturer	330	\$89,980
29	(102)	Graduate Assistant	180	\$35,147
30		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
31		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
32	(103)	Director of Athletics	1	\$262,220
33	(104)	Head Basketball Coach	2	\$219,247
34	(105)	Project/Program Administrator	12	
35		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
36		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097

1		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
2		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
3		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
4		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
5		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
6	(106)	Assoc. Dir. of Athletics	8	\$166,458
7	(107)	Director of Special Events Center	1	\$135,999
8	(108)	Head Athletic Trainer	1	\$130,431
9	(109)	Assistant Athletic Director	4	\$127,303
10	(110)	Head Coach	8	\$127,303
11	(111)	Assistant Basketball Coach	8	\$127,303
12	(112)	Development Officer	2	\$122,528
13	(113)	Dir. of Printing Services	1	\$113,108
14	(114)	Assistant Coach	20	\$110,827
15	(115)	Trainer	8	\$110,824
16	(116)	Dir. of Strength & Conditioning	1	\$110,824
17	(117)	Asst. Dir. of Aquatics & Fitness	1	\$106,608
18	(118)	Skilled Trades Pool	5	
19		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
20		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
21		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
22		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
23		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
24	(119)	Residential Life Coordinator	1	\$73,766
25	(120)	Budget Specialist	2	\$72,774
26	(121)	HEI Program Coordinator	4	\$69,975
27	(122)	Print Shop Manager	2	\$69,975
28	(123)	Administrative Support Pool	5	
29		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
30		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
31		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
32		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
33		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
34		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
35		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
36		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272

1		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
2	(124)	Assistant Dir. of Student Union	1	\$67,284
3	(125)	Printer	6	\$57,515
4	(126)	Student Union Section Manager	1	\$53,175
5	(127)	Maintenance Assistant	2	\$51,130
6	(128)	Reproduction Equipment Operator	1	\$45,455
7	(129)	Shipping & Receiving Clerk	1	\$45,455
8	(130)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
9	(131)	Institutional Services Assistant	20	\$42,025
10	(132)	Graduate Assistant	12	\$35,147
11		<u>NANOTECHNOLOGY CENTER</u>		
12		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
13		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
14	(133)	Director of Nanotechnology Center	1	\$238,501
15	(134)	Project/Program Administrator	3	
16		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
17		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
18		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
19		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
20		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
21		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
22		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
23	(135)	Coordinator of Commercialization	1	\$135,745
24		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
25		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
26	(136)	Research Support	7	
27		Research Associate		\$146,533
28		Post Doctoral Fellow		\$122,236
29		Senior Research Assistant		\$87,718
30		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
31		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
32	(137)	Graduate Assistant	<u>4</u>	\$35,147
33		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,989	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the

following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one thousand three hundred (1,300) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$59,774,411
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	9,931,569
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	20,204
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>3,171,150</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$72,897,334</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$34,250,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	4,750,475

1	(03) OVERTIME	250,000
2	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	12,872,206
3	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	39,500,000
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	3,000,000
6	(C) PROF. FEES	8,000,000
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	16,594,940
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	30,000,000
10	(07) DEBT SERVICE	13,000,000
11	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
12	INVESTMENTS	<u>81,078</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$162,298,699</u>

15 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - WILLIAM H. BOWEN SCHOOL OF LAW. There is
16 hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be
17 payable from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund, from special
18 revenues received from additional uniform filing fees in circuit court as
19 authorized by Arkansas Code Annotated 16-10-314, for expenses of the
20 University of Arkansas at Little Rock - William H. Bowen School of Law for
21 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
25	(01) WILLIAM H. BOWEN SCHOOL OF LAW	
26	EXPENSES	<u>\$800,000</u>

28 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - NANOTECHNOLOGY CENTER. There is hereby
29 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be payable
30 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund, for personal services
31 and operating expenses, research, and development of viable technologies of
32 the University of Arkansas at Little Rock - Nanotechnology Center for the
33 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

(01) NANOTECHNOLOGY CENTER EXPENSES \$2,000,000

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

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

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

APPROVED: 4/16/25

With line item veto page 4, line 7

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S3/17/25

95th General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 128

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR
MEDICAL SCIENCES APPROPRIATION FOR THE
2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the 2025-2026 fiscal
year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Medical Center CEO	1 \$685,678
(2)	Chancellor	1 \$483,460
(3)	Provost	1 \$466,687
(4)	Vice Chancellor	12 \$394,409
(5)	Associate Provost	3 \$385,869



1	(6)	Associate Vice Chancellor	11	\$385,868
2	(7)	Dean	8	\$385,868
3	(8)	Executive Associate Dean	6	\$377,829
4	(9)	Campus Director	28	\$353,712
5	(10)	Associate Dean	18	\$337,635
6	(11)	Assistant Vice Chancellor	16	\$321,557
7	(12)	Assistant Provost	3	\$321,556
8	(13)	Assistant Dean	11	\$289,401
9	(14)	Area Director	8	\$244,065
10	(15)	Director Poison & Drug Information	1	\$243,520
11	(16)	Compliance Officer	46	\$223,482
12	(17)	Divisional/Departmental Management Pool	864	
13		Executive Divisional Director		\$297,440
14		Divisional Director		\$257,245
15		Associate Divisional Director		\$209,012
16		Assistant Divisional Director		\$184,895
17		Departmental Director		\$184,895
18		Assoc. Departmental Director		\$168,817
19		Departmental Manager		\$162,386
20		Asst. Departmental Director		\$136,662
21		Asst. Departmental Manager		\$121,239
22	(18)	Project/Program Administrator	1,129	
23		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
24		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
25		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
26		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
27		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
28		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
29		Executive Assistant		\$99,405
30	(19)	IT Pool	37	
31		Network Engineer		\$200,973
32		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
33		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
34		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
35		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
36		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570

1	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
2	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
3	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
4	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
5	Database Administrator	\$106,607
6	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
7	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
8	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
9	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
10	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
11	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
12	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
13	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
14	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
15	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
16	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
17	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
18	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
19	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
20	Security Analyst	\$90,223
21	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
22	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
23	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
24	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
25	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
26	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
27	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
28	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
29	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
30	Database Analyst	\$80,208
31	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
32	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
33	Website Developer	\$77,123
34	Information Systems Analyst	\$74,157
35	Information Systems Security Analyst	\$74,157
36	Computer Support Analyst	\$74,157

1	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
2	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
3	Media Specialist		\$69,975
4	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
5	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
6	Computer Operator		\$65,925
7	Network Analyst		\$65,925
8	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
9	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
10	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
11	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
12	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
13	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
14	(20) Kids First / Headstart Pool	78	
15	Social Services Consultant		\$127,172
16	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant III		\$127,172
17	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant II		\$109,027
18	Early Childhood Spec. Educator II		\$108,951
19	Site Manager I		\$106,139
20	Certified Classroom Teacher		\$100,807
21	Pediatric Nutrition Consultant I		\$99,507
22	Pediatric Motor Development Consult.		\$96,050
23	RN Clinical Coordinator		\$94,592
24	Early Childhood Spec. Educator I		\$88,731
25	Family Enrichment Specialist I		\$76,627
26	(21) Biological Safety Officer	4	\$106,311
27	(22) Fiscal Support Pool	50	
28	Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
29	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
30	Accountant II		\$72,774
31	Accountant I		\$69,975
32	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
33	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
34	Accounting Technician		\$55,302
35	Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
36	(23) Public Safety Pool	82	

1		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
2		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
3		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
4		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
5		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
6		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
7		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
8		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
9		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
10		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
11		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
12		Security Officer		\$47,272
13		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
14		Watchman		\$38,855
15	(24)	Department Business Coordinator	28	\$78,713
16	(25)	Skilled Trades Pool	169	
17		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
18		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
19		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
20		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
21		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
22	(26)	Occupational Safety Coordinator	7	\$69,975
23	(27)	Print Shop Manager	1	\$69,975
24	(28)	Administrative Support Pool	367	
25		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
26		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
27		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
28		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
29		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
30		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
31		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
32		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
33		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
34	(29)	Maintenance Supervisor	9	\$67,284
35	(30)	Institutional Printer	7	\$64,696
36	(31)	Inventory Control Manager	5	\$62,208

1	(32)	Medical Billing Specialist	64	\$62,208
2	(33)	Public Information Technician	9	\$62,208
3	(34)	Medical Records Technician	11	\$59,815
4	(35)	Storeroom Supervisor	9	\$57,515
5	(36)	Patient Account Specialist	11	\$53,175
6	(37)	Cashier	55	\$51,130
7	(38)	Inventory Control Technician	14	\$51,130
8	(39)	Housekeeper	25	\$49,164
9	(40)	Child Care Technician	183	\$45,455
10	(41)	Mail Services Assistant	7	\$45,455
11	(42)	Caregiver	20	\$43,706
12	(43)	Cook	45	\$43,706
13	(44)	Institutional Services Assistant	108	\$42,025
14		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
15		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
16	(45)	Faculty Pool	1,551	
17		Distinguished Professor		\$567,260
18		Professor		\$392,183
19		Associate Professor		\$359,501
20		Assistant Professor		\$339,892
21		Instructor		\$269,448
22		Research Instructor		\$269,448
23		Research Professor		\$237,829
24		Family Practice Coordinator		\$237,616
25		Associate Family Practice Coord.		\$231,161
26		Associate Research Professor		\$224,720
27		Assistant Family Practice Coord.		\$218,249
28		Assistant Research Professor		\$212,176
29	(46)	Department Chairperson	30	\$562,128
30	(47)	Educational Support Pool	297	
31		Instructional Dev. Specialist II		\$175,351
32		Education Coordinator		\$171,912
33		Clinic Instructor		\$149,939
34		Instructional Dev. Specialist I		\$142,209
35		Educational Dev. Specialist I		\$113,031
36		Clinic Assistant Instructor		\$107,235

1	(48)	Library Pool	24	
2		Librarian		\$155,540
3		Senior Librarian Assistant		\$135,557
4		Associate Librarian		\$135,557
5		Assistant Librarian		\$122,222
6		Library Supervisor		\$65,197
7		Library Specialist		\$55,731
8		Library Technician		\$51,526
9		Library Support Assistant		\$47,639
10	(49)	Research Support Pool	427	
11		Research Associate		\$142,209
12		Post Doctoral Fellow		\$122,222
13		Senior Research Assistant		\$115,289
14		Biostatistician		\$112,380
15		Research Technologist		\$78,713
16		Research Project Analyst		\$72,774
17		Graduate Assistant		\$57,380
18		Research Technician		\$53,175
19	(50)	Resident	1,060	\$100,171
20	(51)	Pharmacy Resident	17	\$96,402
21	(52)	Trainee	9	\$36,701
22		<u>PATIENT CARE POSITIONS</u>		
23	(53)	Medical Services	408	
24		Clinic Director		\$317,246
25		Director of Pharmacy		\$250,632
26		Asst. Dir. of Pharmacy		\$240,066
27		Director of University Hospital		\$223,498
28		Assoc. Adm. Patient Care		\$219,588
29		Patient Care Administrator		\$219,070
30		Clinical Laboratory Manager		\$218,575
31		Associate Director of Hospital		\$201,768
32		Clinical Services Manager		\$193,412
33		Assistant Director of Hospital		\$182,210
34		Biomedical Instrument Engineer		\$175,351
35		Poison Control Specialist		\$167,962
36		Director of Clinic Nursing		\$163,114

1	Asst. Adm. Patient Care	\$157,053
2	Director of Medical Records	\$151,363
3	Hospital Financial Manager	\$145,501
4	Biomedical Equipment Tech II	\$142,208
5	Medical Services Admin.	\$132,052
6	Research/Clinical Programs Manager	\$128,986
7	Manager Medical Ancillary Services	\$108,136
8	Biomedical Equipment Tech I	\$107,234
9	Clinical Interpreter	\$106,311
10	Medical Services Mgr.	\$101,168
11	RN Clinical Coordinator	\$94,592
12	Lab Mgr. Adm.	\$93,419
13	Dietician	\$72,774
14	Medical Diagnostic Analyst	\$62,208
15	Hospital Program Services Asst.	\$55,302
16	Dietetic Technician	\$53,175
17	Hospital Technician	\$53,175
18	(54) Nursing Services	3,226
19	Senior Nurse Anesthetist	\$270,964
20	Nurse Anesthetist	\$202,744
21	Registered Nurse IV	\$193,412
22	Physician Assistant	\$180,855
23	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	\$176,638
24	Specialty Registered Nurse	\$176,638
25	Registered Nurse III	\$160,468
26	Certified Nurse Practitioner III	\$154,819
27	Clinical Nursing Specialist II	\$145,267
28	Head Nurse	\$145,267
29	Nurse In-Service Instructor	\$134,709
30	Clinical Nursing Specialist I	\$134,709
31	Certified Nurse Practitioner II	\$134,626
32	Registered Nurse II	\$126,659
33	Registered Nurse I	\$119,679
34	Medical Assistant	\$116,326
35	Certified Nurse Practitioner I	\$112,439
36	LPN II	\$90,844

1	Nursing Unit Coordinator	\$83,170
2	Patient Services Associate	\$76,011
3	LPN I	\$73,574
4	Patient Care Technician	\$59,316
5	Certified Nursing Assistant	\$53,175
6	(55) Medical Ancillary Support	1,714
7	Pharmacy Specialist	\$233,693
8	Pharmacist III	\$229,707
9	Pharmacist II	\$222,268
10	Pharmacist I	\$193,154
11	Medical Imaging Electrical Engineer	\$182,520
12	Audiologist	\$170,491
13	Certified Technologist III	\$147,599
14	Medical Technologist III	\$146,469
15	Registered Dietitian	\$145,487
16	Nutritionist	\$144,762
17	Clinical Laboratory Supv.	\$135,164
18	Respiratory Therapist Supervisor	\$126,660
19	Clinical Technician III	\$126,659
20	X-Ray Technician III	\$120,956
21	Special Procedures Technician	\$116,325
22	Certified Procedure Coding Spec.	\$116,325
23	Medical Technologist II	\$114,806
24	Certified Technologist II	\$112,439
25	X-Ray Technician II	\$107,715
26	Certified Technologist I	\$105,606
27	Medical Technologist I	\$104,773
28	Med Lab Technician	\$101,594
29	Clinical Technician II	\$98,899
30	X-Ray Technician I	\$94,467
31	Lab Technician III	\$78,161
32	Clinical Technician I	\$77,064
33	Point of Service Coordinator	\$77,064
34	Health Information Svs. Analyst II	\$53,527
35	Health Information Svs. Analyst I	\$46,838
36	Laboratory Assistant	\$40,722

1	(56)	Rehabilitation Therapy Pool	148	
2		Dir. of Rehabilitation Services		\$181,453
3		Dir. of Occupational Therapy		\$157,785
4		Dir. of Physical Therapy		\$157,785
5		Physical Therapist		\$143,972
6		Occupational Therapist		\$137,203
7		Speech Therapist		\$137,203
8		Physical Therapist Assistant		\$121,239
9	(57)	Psychiatry Pool	165	
10		Mental Health Professional II		\$122,223
11		Mental Health Professional I		\$115,290
12		Health Services Specialist II		\$55,302
13		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
14		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
15	(58)	Food Service Pool	113	
16		Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
17		Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
18		Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
19		Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
20		Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
21		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>12,761</u>	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: *one thousand five hundred sixty-five (1,565)* temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

1		
2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$112,539,654
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	17,709,805
6	(03) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	1,193,320
7	(04) UAMS REGIONAL CAMPUSES	6,561,549
8	(05) POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION CENTER	1,828,587
9	(06) UAMS NORTHWEST ARK. MEDICAL SCHOOL	3,434,664
10	(07) GRANTS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,	
11	REGULAR SALARIES AND OPERATING	
12	EXPENSES FOR INDIGENT CARE	<u>6,136,368</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$149,403,947</u>
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SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,100,000,000
24	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000,000
25	(03) OVERTIME	20,000,000
26	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	275,000,000
27	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	705,000,000
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000,000
30	(C) PROF. FEES	45,000,000
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	85,000,000
32	(E) DATA PROC.	0
33	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	150,000,000
34	(07) DEBT SERVICE	50,000,000
35	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
36	INVESTMENTS	40,000,000

1	(09) CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT	250,000
2	(10) WAR MEMORIAL PARKING FEES	50,000
3	(11) INDIGENT CARE & BREAST CANCER	
4	RESEARCH PROGRAM GRANTS/AID	10,000,000
5	(12) PHARMACY STUDENT LOANS	<u>550,000</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,520,850,000</u>

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8 *SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - NURSING/MEDICAL LOANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.*

9 *There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical*
 10 *Sciences, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for*
 11 *loans and/or scholarships for rural nursing and advanced nursing match, rural*
 12 *medical practice and community match, all as may be authorized by law, of the*
 13 *University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June*
 14 *30, 2026, the following:*

15	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
17	(01) ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE COMMUNITY	
18	MATCH STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP	
19	PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	\$150,000
20	(02) RURAL ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE	
21	STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	
22	LOANS AND/OR SCHOLARSHIPS	150,000
23	(03) RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND	
24	SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR	
25	SCHOLARSHIPS	300,000
26	(04) COMMUNITY MATCH STUDENT LOAN AND	
27	SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM LOANS AND/OR	
28	SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>150,000</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$750,000</u>

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31 *SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BREAST CANCER RESEARCH. There is hereby*
 32 *appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be*
 33 *payable from the Breast Cancer Research Fund, for allocation to the Breast*
 34 *Cancer Research Program for education, outreach, research and grants related*
 35 *to the cause, cure, treatment, prevention and earlier detection of breast*
 36 *cancer, for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal*

year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM	
EXPENSES	<u>\$1,694,216</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION CENTER. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for providing additional support for the Arkansas Poison and Drug Information Center of the College of Pharmacy of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE ARKANSAS	
POISON AND DRUG INFORMATION CENTER	<u>\$299,959</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER PROGRAMS AND GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Domestic Peace Fund, for operations of domestic violence shelter programs and statewide grants to domestic violence shelters by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER PROGRAMS	\$2,000,000
(02) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER GRANTS	<u>1,050,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,050,000</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROGRAMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for child abuse and neglect expenses and grants of the University of Arkansas for

Medical Sciences - Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) FOR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROGRAMS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GRANTS TO STATE AGENCIES, CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS, CHILD SAFETY CENTERS, AND OTHER ELIGIBLE ENTITIES	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, and grants of the Building Effective Services for Trauma programs for children and adolescents by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) PSYCHIATRIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE EXPENSES FOR TRAINING, TREATMENT, COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, & PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,393,325
(02) DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS EXPENSES FOR TRAINING, TREATMENT, & ADVOCATE EDUCATION	521,951
(03) DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS EXPENSES FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION, CONSULTATION, EDUCATION, & TRAINING	<u>208,781</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,124,057</u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - UAMS - HEALTH DATA INITIATIVE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to

be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and grants of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - *Health Data* Initiative for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) ARKANSAS HEALTH DATA INITIATIVE	<u>\$802,879</u>

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD PROGRAM.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, travel, grants, and contracts of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD PROGRAM PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$796,000</u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING AND RESEARCH.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, programmatic and other costs associated with the research and screening of colorectal cancer by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING & RESEARCH	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - ADULT SICKLE CELL DISEASE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences,

to be payable from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of establishing and operating Sickle Cell Clinics and Outreach Efforts of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Adult Sickle Cell Disease Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) ADULT SICKLE CELL DISEASE PROGRAM	
INITIATIVE PERSONAL SERVICES AND	
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$379,993</u>

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFERY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the certified nurse midwifery program of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFERY	
PROGRAM PERSONAL SERVICES AND	
OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$500,000</u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - WINTHROP P. ROCKEFELLER CANCER INSTITUTE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences National Cancer Institute Designation Trust Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$18,503,906

1	(02) OVERTIME	15,000
2	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,181,094
3	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,000,000
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	300,000
6	(C) PROF. FEES	0
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	4,000,000
8	(E) DATA PROC.	0
9	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	6,000,000
10	(06) WPRCI CONNECT NURSE NAVIGATION	
11	PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>1,350,000</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$41,350,000</u></u>

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14 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - PANS/PANDAS. There is hereby
 15 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be
 16 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal
 17 services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical
 18 Sciences - PANS/PANDAS Clinic and Programs for the fiscal year ending June
 19 30, 2026, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
23	(01) PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	
24	OF PANS/PANDAS CLINIC AND PROGRAMS	<u><u>\$175,000</u></u>

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26 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BREAST MILK BANK. There is hereby
 27 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be
 28 payable from the Breast Milk Bank Special Fund, for personal services and
 29 operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences -
 30 Arkansas Breast Milk Bank for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 31 following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
35	(01) ARKANSAS BREAST MILK BANK PERSONAL	
36	SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u><u>\$1,700,000</u></u>

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - MATERNAL HEALTH WORKFORCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Maternal Health Workforce Trust Fund, for financial aid and programs in education and training for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Maternal Health Workforce for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MATERNAL HEALTH WORKFORCE FINANCIAL AID AND PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING EXPENSES	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING TRANSFER NCI DESIGNATION TRUST FUND. (i) From time to time at the request of the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences or his or her designee, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State funds from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund or from cash funds payable from the Appropriation – Cash Funds in this Act to the National Cancer Institute Designation Trust Fund. (ii) No fund transfer authorized in subsection (i) herein shall be implemented until the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State has determined sufficient funding is available to be transferred, and the transfer has received prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or, if meeting in Regular or Fiscal Session, the Joint Budget Committee.

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

SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER GRANTS. The grants authorized in the Domestic Violence Shelter Programs and Grants appropriation section of this act shall be equally distributed to domestic violence shelters as determined by the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission. The Arkansas Child

1 Abuse/Rape/Domestic Violence Commission may adopt rules and regulations to
2 carry out the intent of the General Assembly regarding the grant
3 appropriations authorized in the Domestic Violence Shelter Programs and
4 Grants appropriation section of this act.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
6 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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8 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. MEDICAL
10 SCHOOL LIMITATION. Nothing in this Act shall create an additional medical
11 school in the State of Arkansas, but it recognizes that appropriations,
12 funding and allocations in this Act may be used by the University of Arkansas
13 for Medical Sciences to support satellite campuses or programs outside the
14 City of Little Rock in order to conduct or continue training of its medical,
15 nursing, pharmacy and allied health students, as well as its medical
16 residents.

17 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
18 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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20 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
22 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND TRANSFER AUTHORIZED. Thirty-three and one-third
23 percent (33-1/3%), in each fiscal year, of the amounts made available to fund
24 the appropriation in the Grants to Children's Hospital, Regular Salaries and
25 Operating Expenses for Indigent Care line item of the Operations
26 appropriation section of this Act shall be distributed to the Arkansas
27 Children's Hospital or Arkansas Children's Hospital may request that the
28 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences transfer such funds each fiscal
29 year from the University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund to the Department of
30 Human Services Grants Fund Account. The transferred funds shall be used to
31 match federal funds used for supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas
32 Children's Hospital.

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

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36 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
2 FORWARD. Any unexpended balance of the general revenue funds provided by this
3 Act which remains at the close of a fiscal year, not to exceed ten percent
4 (10%) of funded appropriations, shall be carried forward and made available
5 for the same purposes for the next fiscal year.

6 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein,
7 may be carried forward under the following conditions:

8 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set
9 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
10 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

11 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
12 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
13 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
14 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
15 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
16 or line item, the funding source and a copy of the written request set forth
17 in (1) above;

18 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
19 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
20 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
21 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc.
22 for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty
23 (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution
24 presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
25 Committee; and

26 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
27 all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a
28 statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

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

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32 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
34 ESTABLISHMENT OF A "GROWTH POOL". (a) The Arkansas Division of Higher
35 Education shall establish and maintain for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal
36 year a pool of ~~three~~ six hundred (~~300~~ 600) non-classified positions. A

1 position established under this section shall not exceed the salary rate of
2 the highest maximum annual salary rate authorized by the General Assembly in
3 the institution's appropriation act. These positions are to be used by the
4 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in the event that the personal
5 services needs of the University during the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year
6 exceed the number of positions allocated to the University by the
7 Legislature. The University shall provide justification to the Arkansas
8 Division of Higher Education for the need to allocate titles from this
9 "growth pool". No ~~classifications~~ titles will be assigned to the pool until
10 such time as specific positions are requested by the University, approved by
11 the University Board or their designee, and approved by the Legislative
12 Council or Joint Budget Committee. ~~Furthermore, the Arkansas Division of~~
13 ~~Higher Education shall establish and maintain for the 2024-2025 fiscal year a~~
14 ~~pool of three hundred (300) career service positions up to a G130. These~~
15 ~~positions are to be used by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences~~
16 ~~in the event that the personal services needs of the University during the~~
17 ~~2024-2025 fiscal year exceed the number of positions in a classification~~
18 ~~allocated to the University by the Legislature. The University shall provide~~
19 ~~justification to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education for the need to~~
20 ~~allocate titles from this "growth pool". No classifications will be assigned~~
21 ~~to the pool until such time as specific positions are requested by the~~
22 ~~University, recommended by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education, and~~
23 ~~approved by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.~~

24 (b) Determining the number of personnel to be employed by a state agency
25 is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by
26 delineating the maximum number of personnel by identifying the job titles and
27 the maximum grade or salary attached to those salaries. The General Assembly
28 has determined that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences could be
29 operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution.
30 That flexibility is being accomplished by providing growth pools in
31 subsection (a) of this section and since the General Assembly has granted the
32 institution broad powers under the growth pool concept, it is both necessary
33 and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the
34 utilization of the growth pool by requiring prior approval of the Legislative
35 Council or Joint Budget Committee in the utilization of the growth pool.
36 Therefore, the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint

1 Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement
2 of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
3 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is
4 void.

5 If the agency requests continuation of a "Growth Pool" position(s) as
6 established herein during the next fiscal year, the position(s) must be
7 requested as a new position(s) in the agency's budget request.

8 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
9 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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11 SECTION 26. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CHILD
13 HEALTH AND FAMILY LIFE INSTITUTE. The Child Health and Family Life Institute
14 shall be administered under the direction of Arkansas Children's Hospital.
15 Arkansas Children's Hospital shall enter into a cooperative agreement and/or
16 contract with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences-Department of
17 Pediatrics for services required to deliver the programs of the Child Health
18 and Family Life Institute (CHFLI). Utilizing a multidisciplinary
19 collaboration of professionals, CHFLI shall provide a statewide effort to
20 explore, develop and evaluate new and better ways to address medically,
21 socially and economically interrelated health and developmental needs of
22 children with special health care needs and their families. CHFLI priorities
23 shall include, but are not limited to, wellness and prevention, screening and
24 diagnosis, treatment and intervention, training and education and research
25 and evaluation. Arkansas Children's Hospital and the University of Arkansas
26 for Medical Sciences-Department of Pediatrics shall make annual reports to
27 the Arkansas Legislative Council on all matters of funding, existing programs
28 and services offered through CHFLI.

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

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32 SECTION 27. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PARKING
34 FEES. On July 1 of each year the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
35 shall pay from the appropriation provided herein from non-general revenue,
36 the total amount appropriated for War Memorial Parking Services from Fees to

1 War Memorial.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
3 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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5 SECTION 28. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
7 PROVISIONS. Because the Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship
8 Program Loans and/or Scholarships and the Community Match Student Loan and
9 Scholarship Program Loans and/or Scholarships have the goal of providing
10 primary care physicians in rural Arkansas, transfers may be made in such
11 amounts as are required between the line items made in the appropriation for
12 "Medical Loans and Scholarships".

13 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
14 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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16 SECTION 29. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
17 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CLINICAL
18 EXPANSION AND RESEARCH POOL. (a) In order to address personnel needs emerging
19 from expanding medical research and patient care issues and the necessity of
20 recruiting and retaining qualified medical, research, and related support
21 personnel, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences or its successor
22 is authorized for the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal year a pool of seven hundred
23 (700) "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool" positions. These positions are
24 to be used by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in the event
25 that the personal services needs resulting from unanticipated clinical or
26 research programs that are initiated during the ~~2024-2025~~ 2025-2026 fiscal
27 year require additional positions, either in title, in classification, or in
28 number, that are not authorized or contemplated by the General Assembly in
29 the Regular Salaries - Operations section of this Act.

30 (b) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is authorized to
31 access the "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool" positions authorized in
32 this Section at any time during the fiscal year when it is determined by the
33 Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, subject to the
34 review and approval by the Board of Trustees, that the need for additional
35 positions exists. Only medical or research positions shall be established
36 under this provision. The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas for

1 Medical Sciences shall provide a quarterly report detailing the justification
2 of allocation of positions from this "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool"
3 to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to the Arkansas Division of Higher
4 Education, and to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
5 for review. The report shall also include an accounting of the names, titles
6 and salaries of personnel who have been employed in positions established
7 from this pool and the source and duration of funds associated with the
8 positions.

9 (c) If the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences requests
10 continuation of any "Clinical Expansion and Research Pool" position(s) as
11 established herein during the next fiscal year, the position(s) must be
12 requested as a new position(s) in the agency's budget request.

13 (d) Determining the number of personnel to be employed by a state agency
14 is the prerogative of the General Assembly and is usually accomplished by
15 delineating the maximum number of personnel by identifying job titles and the
16 maximum grade or salary attached to those titles. The General Assembly has
17 determined that the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences could be
18 operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution.
19 That flexibility is being accomplished by providing a position pool in
20 Subsection (a) of this Section and since the General Assembly has granted the
21 agency broad powers under the growth pool concept, it is both necessary and
22 appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization
23 of the position pool by requiring review of the Legislative Council or Joint
24 Budget Committee in the utilization of the position pool. Therefore, the
25 requirement of review by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is
26 not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of review by the
27 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
28 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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

31
32 SECTION 30. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ABUSED
34 CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS SERVICES PROGRAM FUNDING PROVISION. In the event
35 the amount of general revenue distributed to the University of Arkansas
36 Medical Center Fund for the Department of Pediatrics and the Psychiatric

1 Research Institute each fiscal year is at least equal to the amount
2 distributed during the 2012-13 fiscal year, an amount not less than seven
3 hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) shall be allocated and made available as
4 follows: four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) each fiscal year
5 shall be made available exclusively to support the purposes and goals to
6 improve screening, monitoring and care for abused children and adolescents
7 through the Child Safety Centers or the University of Arkansas for Medical
8 Sciences as referred by the Child Safety Centers. Maintenance of statewide
9 screening and assessment protocols as well as evidence-based training of
10 mental health professionals are to be considered critical components of the
11 overall goals. For the provision of assessment and therapeutic services,
12 these funds are to be provided to the Child Safety Centers through contracts
13 from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. The contracts will
14 stipulate the terms of the agreement and reporting requirements; an amount
15 not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) may be utilized for
16 administrative costs as may be necessary to administer the program or if
17 determined not to be needed for administrative costs may be placed in reserve
18 for future needs of the program. The remaining two hundred thousand dollars
19 (\$200,000) shall be allocated and made available to the Department of
20 Pediatrics for expenses for medical examinations, consultation, education and
21 training as stipulated in the terms of agreement between the Chancellor of
22 the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and the Department of
23 Pediatrics.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
25 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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27 SECTION 31. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
28 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
29 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
30 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
33 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
34 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
35 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
36 disbursement of said funds.

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2 SECTION 32. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
3 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
4 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
5 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
6 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
7 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
8 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
9 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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11 SECTION 33. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
12 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
13 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
14 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
15 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
16 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
17 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
18 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
19 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
20 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
21 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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23 /s/Joint Budget Committee
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26 APPROVED: 4/10/25
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1310

By: Representative Gramlich
By: Senator Flippo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD
INITIATIVE ACT; TO ABOLISH THE ARKANSAS COMMISSION
FOR THE NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD INITIATIVE; TO
TRANSFER ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NEWBORN
UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD BANK TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES; TO DECLARE AN
EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD
BLOOD INITIATIVE ACT; TO ABOLISH THE
ARKANSAS COMMISSION FOR THE NEWBORN
UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD INITIATIVE; AND TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Abolition of the Arkansas Commission for
the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative.

(a) The Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood
Initiative is abolished, and its authority, duties, functions, records,
contracts, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations,
allocations, and other funds, including without limitation the functions of
budgeting or purchasing, are transferred to the University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences.

(b) The Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood
Initiative's statutory powers, duties, and functions, including without



1 limitation the functions of budgeting or purchasing, records, contracts,
 2 personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations,
 3 and other funds are transferred to the University of Arkansas for Medical
 4 Sciences.

5 (c)(1) The abolishment of the Arkansas Commission for the Newborn
 6 Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative does not affect the orders, rules,
 7 directives, registration, licensing, or standards made or promulgated by the
 8 Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative before
 9 the effective date of this act.

10 (2) The orders, rules, directives, registration, licensing, and
 11 standards of the Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood
 12 Initiative shall continue to be in effect until they are amended or repealed
 13 under authority given by law.

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 15 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-8-504 is amended to read as follows:
 16 20-8-504. Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative Bank.

17 ~~(a)(1) On or before June 30, 2008, the Arkansas Commission for the~~
 18 ~~Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative~~ The University of Arkansas for
 19 Medical Sciences shall establish ~~a network of postnatal tissue and fluid~~
 20 ~~banks in partnership with one (1) or more public or private colleges or~~
 21 ~~universities, public or private hospitals, nonprofit organizations, or~~
 22 ~~private firms and maintain the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank~~ in this
 23 state for the purpose of collecting and storing postnatal tissue and fluid.

24 (2) The Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank shall create a
 25 voluntary program to make tissue and fluid available for scientific research
 26 and medical treatment in accordance with this subchapter.

27 (3) A parent of a child born in this state may voluntarily
 28 contribute postnatal tissue and fluid to the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood
 29 Bank.

30 (b)(1) The ~~commission~~ Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank shall develop
 31 a voluntary program to educate pregnant ~~patients~~ women with respect to the
 32 banking of postnatal tissue and fluid.

33 (2) The program shall include:

34 (A) An explanation of the difference between public and
 35 private postnatal tissue and fluid banking programs;

36 (B) The medical process involved in the collection and

1 storage of postnatal tissue and fluid;

2 (C) The current and potential future medical uses of
3 stored postnatal tissue and fluid;

4 (D) The benefits and risks involved in the banking of
5 postnatal tissue and fluid; and

6 (E) The availability and cost of storing postnatal tissue
7 and fluid in public and private umbilical cord blood banks.

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9 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-8-505 is repealed.

10 ~~20-8-505. Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood~~
11 ~~Initiative—Creation—Members.~~

12 ~~(a) The Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood~~
13 ~~Initiative is created.~~

14 ~~(b)(1) The commission shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed~~
15 ~~as follows:~~

16 ~~(A) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor as~~
17 ~~follows:~~

18 ~~(i) One (1) member who is a physician licensed by~~
19 ~~the Arkansas State Medical Board;~~

20 ~~(ii) One (1) member who has a financial background;~~
21 ~~and~~

22 ~~(iii) One (1) member who has a legal background or an~~
23 ~~ethicist background, or both;~~

24 ~~(B) Three (3) members appointed by the Speaker of the~~
25 ~~House of Representatives as follows:~~

26 ~~(i) One (1) member who is a physician licensed by~~
27 ~~the board;~~

28 ~~(ii) One (1) member who has a financial background;~~
29 ~~and~~

30 ~~(iii) One (1) member who has a legal background or an~~
31 ~~ethicist background, or both;~~

32 ~~(C) Three (3) members appointed by the President Pro~~
33 ~~Tempore of the Senate as follows:~~

34 ~~(i) One (1) member who is a physician licensed by~~
35 ~~the board;~~

36 ~~(ii) One (1) member who has a financial background;~~

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2 ~~(iii) One (1) member who has a legal background or an~~
 3 ~~ethicist background, or both;~~

4 ~~(D) The Dean of the Fay W. Boozman College of Public~~
 5 ~~Health of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences or his or her~~
 6 ~~designee; and~~

7 ~~(E) The Secretary of the Department of Health or his or~~
 8 ~~her designee.~~

9 ~~(2) The commission shall include one (1) consultant, nonvoting~~
 10 ~~member who shall be the Director of Cell Therapy and Transfusion Medicine of~~
 11 ~~the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.~~

12 ~~(c) The Governor shall designate one (1) member as chair of the~~
 13 ~~commission.~~

14 ~~(d) The chair shall call the first meeting of the commission within~~
 15 ~~sixty (60) days of his or her appointment.~~

16 ~~(e)(1) At the first meeting of the commission, the members shall draw~~
 17 ~~lots so that three (3) members serve two-year terms, three (3) members serve~~
 18 ~~three-year terms, and three (3) members serve four-year terms.~~

19 ~~(2) After the initial terms, members shall serve four-year~~
 20 ~~terms.~~

21 ~~(f) The commission shall meet at least one (1) time per year.~~

22 ~~(g)(1) A majority of the membership of the commission shall constitute~~
 23 ~~a quorum.~~

24 ~~(2) A majority vote of those members present shall be required~~
 25 ~~for any action of the commission.~~

26 ~~(h) Vacancies on the commission due to death, resignation, removal, or~~
 27 ~~other causes shall be filled in the same manner as is provided in this~~
 28 ~~section for initial appointments.~~

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 30 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 20-8-506 is amended to read as follows:

31 20-8-506. ~~Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood~~
 32 Initiative Medical director of Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank – Powers and
 33 duties.

34 (a) ~~The Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood~~
 35 Initiative medical director of the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank shall:

36 (1) Investigate the implementation of this subchapter and

1 recommend improvements in this subchapter to the General Assembly;

2 ~~(2) Make available to the public the records of all meetings of~~
3 ~~the commission and of all business transacted by the commission;~~

4 ~~(3)(2)~~ Oversee the operations of the Newborn Umbilical Cord
5 Blood Bank, including without limitation the approval of all fees established
6 to cover administration, collection, and storage costs;

7 ~~(4)(3) Undertake the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative by~~
8 ~~promoting awareness of the blood bank and encouraging~~ Promote awareness of
9 the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank and encourage donation of postnatal
10 tissue and fluid to the blood bank;

11 ~~(5)(4)~~ Ensure the privacy of persons who donate umbilical cord
12 blood, amniotic fluid, and placental tissue to the blood bank;

13 ~~(6)(5)~~ Develop a plan for making postnatal tissue and fluid
14 collected under the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative the Newborn
15 Umbilical Cord Blood Bank available for scientific research and medical
16 treatment in compliance with all relevant national practice and quality
17 standards;

18 ~~(7)(6)~~ Develop a plan for private storage of postnatal tissue
19 and fluid for medical treatment; and

20 ~~(8)(7)~~ Participate in the National Cord Blood Program and
21 register postnatal tissue and fluid collected with registries operating in
22 connection with the National Cord Blood Program;

23 ~~(9) If funds are available, request the Department of Health to~~
24 ~~employ staff and enter into contracts necessary to implement this subchapter,~~
25 ~~and reimburse the department for the cost of implementing this subchapter;~~
26 ~~and~~

27 ~~(10) Report annually to the General Assembly on or before October~~
28 ~~1 of each year concerning the activities of the commission.~~

29 (b) The ~~commission~~ medical director of the Newborn Umbilical Cord
30 Blood Bank may seek additional funding from any source, including without
31 limitation federal grants and private grants.

32 (c) The medical director of the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank
33 shall be a faculty member at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.
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35 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 25-43-802(a)(8), concerning the state
36 entities transferred to the Department of Health, is repealed.

1 ~~(8) The Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood~~
2 ~~Initiative, created under § 20-8-505;~~

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4 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
5 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that it is important to the
6 citizens of Arkansas that state government services be provided in an
7 efficient and cost-effective manner; that the abolition of commissions that
8 are not operational is an effective way to achieve both operational
9 efficiencies and economies of scale; that this act is immediately necessary
10 to obtain cost efficiencies and streamline the provision of government
11 services without delay for the benefit of Arkansas taxpayers to allow
12 services that preserve the health, safety, and property of Arkansas citizens;
13 and that this act transferring the duties of the Arkansas Commission for the
14 Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative to the University of Arkansas for
15 Medical Sciences and abolishment of the Arkansas Commission for the Newborn
16 Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative should become effective on July 1, 2025, to
17 coincide with the appropriation bills of the University of Arkansas and
18 ensure that the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Bank provides its expanded vital
19 services as the transfer of duties is implemented and does not experience any
20 issues with funding under the transfer of duties. Therefore, an emergency is
21 declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the
22 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1267

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - DONALD W. REYNOLDS CENTER ON
AGING, FAY W. BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE, AND THE AREA HEALTH
EDUCATION CENTER IN HELENA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UAMS - REYNOLDS CENTER ON
AGING, BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
ARK. BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE, & THE AREA
HEALTH ED. CENTER IN HELENA APPROPRIATION
FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING, BOOZMAN COLLEGE
OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE, AND THE AREA HEALTH ED. CENTER -
HELENA. There is hereby established for the University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences - Reynolds Center on Aging, Boozman College of Public
Health, Biosciences Institute, and Area Health Education Center - Helena for
the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
	Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year



1	No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
2		<u>UAMS REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING</u>		
3		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
4		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
5	(1)	Project/Program Administrator	5	
6		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
7		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
8		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
9		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
10		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
11		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
12		Executive Assistant		\$99,405
13	(2)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
14		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
15		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
16		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
17		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
18		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
19		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
20		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
21		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
22		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
23		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
24		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
25	(3)	Faculty Pool	19	
26		Professor		\$243,519
27		Associate Professor		\$224,720
28		Assistant Professor		\$212,176
29		Instructor		\$170,490
30	(4)	Education Coordinator	1	\$175,248
31	(5)	Senior Research Assistant	1	\$115,289
32		<u>UAMS BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH</u>		
33		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
34		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
35	(6)	Dean	1	\$361,971
36	(7)	Associate Dean	1	\$244,970

1	(8)	Project/Program Administrator	2	
2		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
3		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
4		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
5		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
6		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
7		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
8		Executive Assistant		\$99,405
9	(9)	Research Technologist	1	\$78,713
10	(10)	Administrative Support Pool	4	
11		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
12		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
13		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
14		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
15		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
16		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
17		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
18		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
19		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
20		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
21		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
22	(11)	Department Chairperson	5	\$256,072
23	(12)	Faculty Pool	6	
24		Professor		\$243,519
25		Associate Professor		\$224,720
26		Assistant Professor		\$212,176
27		<u>ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE</u>		
28		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
29		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
30	(13)	Director of Biosciences Institute	1	\$380,697
31	(14)	Research Technologist	6	\$78,713
32	(15)	Research Technician	4	\$53,175
33		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
34		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
35	(16)	Faculty Pool	24	
36		Research Professor		\$237,829

1		Associate Research Professor		\$224,718
2		Assistant Research Professor		\$212,176
3		Research Instructor		\$145,990
4	(17)	Post Doctoral Fellow	6	\$147,091
5	(18)	Graduate Assistant	4	\$57,379
6		<u>UAMS AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER - HELENA</u>		
7		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
8		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
9	(19)	Project/Program Administrator	17	
10		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
11		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
12		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
13		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
14		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
15		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
16		Executive Assistant		\$99,405
17	(20)	Administrative Support Pool	2	
18		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
19		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
20		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
21		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
22		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
23		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
24		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
25		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
26		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
27		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
28		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
29	(21)	Assistant Professor	1	\$206,357
30	(22)	Clinic Instructor	<u>1</u>	\$165,817
31		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	113	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DONALD W. REYNOLDS CENTER ON AGING. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Donald W. Reynolds Center on Aging for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,292,959
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	316,765
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	603,713
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	52,128
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	55,231
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,320,796</u></u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - FAY W. BOOZMAN COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,561,276
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	564,670
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	50,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,195,946</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to

be payable from the Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Arkansas Biosciences Institute for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,407,267
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	337,875
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,042,499
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	23,960
(C) PROF. FEES	37,940
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,434,680
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	
RESEARCH PROGRAM	<u>1,896,736</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,180,957</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTER IN HELENA.

There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Targeted State Needs Program Account of the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Area Health Education Center in Helena for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,237,959
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	316,765
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	603,713
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	52,128
(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED

\$2,235,565

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3 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
5 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RESEARCH PROGRAM. In any fiscal year, if the funds
6 received by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the Arkansas
7 Biosciences Institute in the Arkansas Biosciences Institute appropriation in
8 this Act are less than the total amount appropriated, the University of
9 Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall provide no less than thirty-three and
10 one-third percent (33 and 1/3%) of the available funds for the Arkansas
11 Children's Hospital Research Program. Otherwise, the Arkansas Children's
12 Hospital Research Program line item appropriation in the Arkansas Biosciences
13 Institute appropriation in this Act shall be funded in total or Arkansas
14 Children's Hospital Chief Executive Officer may request that the University
15 of Arkansas for Medical Sciences transfer such funds each fiscal year from
16 the Arkansas Biosciences Institute Program Account to the Department of Human
17 Services Grants Fund Account. The transferred funds shall be used to match
18 federal funds used for Supplemental Medicaid payments to Arkansas Children's
19 Hospital.

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

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23 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
25 RESTRICTIONS. The appropriations provided in this act shall not be
26 transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522, but only as
27 provided by this act.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
29 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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31 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER
33 PROVISIONS. The state-supported institution of higher education in this act
34 may transfer appropriations between the various line items within each
35 appropriation contained in this appropriation act. Such transfers shall be
36 made only after the approval of the Division of Higher Education and the

1 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and the approval of the Legislative
2 Council or Joint Budget Committee.

3 The General Assembly has determined that the institution in this act could
4 be operated more efficiently if some flexibility is given to that institution
5 and that flexibility is being accomplished by providing authority to transfer
6 between items of appropriation made by this act. Since the General Assembly
7 has granted the institution broad powers under the transfer of
8 appropriations, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
9 Assembly maintain oversight of the utilization of the transfers by requiring
10 prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee in the
11 utilization of the transfer authority. Therefore, the requirement of
12 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a
13 severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the
14 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a
15 court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
17 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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19 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

21 POSITIONS. (a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the
22 State of Arkansas or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding
23 any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event
24 that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

25 (b) State funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when
26 such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized
27 by the Governor.

28 (c) A disclosure of the language contained in (a) and (b) of this Section
29 shall be made available to all new hire and current positions paid from the
30 proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement by the Tobacco Settlement Commission.

31 (d) Whenever applicable the information contained in (a) and (b) of this
32 Section shall be included in the employee handbook and/or Professional
33 Services Contract paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement.

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

1 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
3 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act
4 shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made
5 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions
6 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures
7 Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors,
8 and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and
9 regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as
10 authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said
11 funds.

12
13 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
15 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds
16 disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act
17 shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was
18 adopted, as evidenced by Initiated Act 1 of 2000, the Agency Requests,
19 Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the
20 budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration,
21 letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas
22 Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and
23 adoption.

24
25 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
26 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
27 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
30 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
31 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
32 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
33 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
34 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
35 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

36 APPROVED: 2/13/25

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H3/31/25

95th General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1639

By: Representative Lundstrum

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE EXAMINER
PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR
MEDICAL SCIENCES - SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE
EXAMINER PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FOR THE
2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - SANE PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated,
to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the
*cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal
Officer of the State*, for personal services and operating expenses of the
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner
Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	
FOR THE SEXUAL ASSAULT NURSE	
EXAMINER PROGRAM	<u>\$950,780</u>



1 SECTION 2. 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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
7 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
8 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
9 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
10 disbursement of said funds.

11
12 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
13 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
14 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
15 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
16 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
17 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
18 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
19 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

20
21 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
22 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
23 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
24 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
25 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
26 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
27 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
28 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
29 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
30 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
31 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

32
33 /s/Lundstrum
34

35 APPROVED: 4/10/25
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 129

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
AT MONTICELLO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT
MONTICELLO APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas at Monticello for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor	1
(2)	Dean, Forest Resources/Dir. AFRC	1
(3)	Project/Program Administrator	13
	Executive Project/Program Director	



1	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
2	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
3	Project/Program Director		\$135,750
4	Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
5	Executive Assistant		\$115,000
6	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
7	(4) Provost	1	\$201,301
8	(5) IT Pool	7	
9	Network Engineer		\$200,973
10	Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
11	Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
12	Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
13	Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
14	Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
15	Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
16	Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
17	System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
18	Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
19	Database Administrator		\$106,607
20	Systems Administrator		\$105,547
21	Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
22	Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
23	Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
24	Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
25	Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
26	Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585
27	Systems Specialist		\$97,585
28	Information Technology Manager		\$96,408
29	Network Support Specialist		\$93,831
30	Senior Software Support Analyst		\$93,831
31	Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$92,374
32	Tech Support/Applications Support		\$92,374
33	Information Systems Business Manager		\$90,223
34	Security Analyst		\$90,223
35	Systems Analyst		\$90,223
36	Information Technology Specialist		\$88,339

1	Computer Support Coordinator		\$86,753
2	Software Support Analyst		\$86,753
3	Systems Applications Supervisor		\$86,753
4	Computer Operations Coordinator		\$83,416
5	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$83,416
6	PC Support Specialist		\$81,860
7	Computer Support Specialist		\$80,208
8	Database Analyst		\$80,208
9	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
10	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
11	Website Developer		\$77,123
12	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
13	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
14	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
15	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
16	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
17	Media Specialist		\$69,975
18	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
19	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
20	Computer Operator		\$65,925
21	Network Analyst		\$65,925
22	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
23	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
24	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
25	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
26	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
27	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
28	(6) Vice Chan. for Finance & Administration	1	\$194,320
29	(7) Vice Chan. for Advancement/Development	1	\$188,485
30	(8) Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$188,485
31	(9) Director of the Center for Forest Bus.	1	\$174,852
32	(10) Dean	7	\$173,915
33	(11) Director of Information Technology	1	\$145,572
34	(12) Registrar	1	\$142,888
35	(13) Director of Physical Plant	1	\$142,721
36	(14) Assoc. Vice Chan. for Finance & Admin.	2	\$141,997

1	(15)	Assoc. Vice Chan. for Acad. Affairs	2	\$141,997
2	(16)	Assistant to the Chancellor	1	\$141,997
3	(17)	Director of University Relations	1	\$132,577
4	(18)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,577
5	(19)	Director of Engineering Systems	1	\$128,780
6	(20)	Director of Adm. & Enrollment Mgmt.	1	\$126,225
7	(21)	Director of Student Financial Aid	1	\$126,225
8	(22)	Director of Alumni Services	1	\$121,922
9	(23)	Director of Community Education	1	\$121,922
10	(24)	Director of Grants	1	\$121,922
11	(25)	Director of Special Events	1	\$121,922
12	(26)	Budget Director	1	\$120,948
13	(27)	Asst. V-C of Stud. Aff./Dean of Students	1	\$119,869
14	(28)	Director of University Police	1	\$118,692
15	(29)	Director of Administrative Services	1	\$116,274
16	(30)	Asst. Dir. Info. Tech. System Mgmt.	2	\$106,740
17	(31)	Director of Distance Learning	1	\$106,740
18	(32)	Director of Recruitment	1	\$106,740
19	(33)	Program Technician	3	\$106,136
20	(34)	Administrator of Grants and Contracts	1	\$105,718
21	(35)	Director of Student Activities	1	\$100,904
22	(36)	Counselor	1	\$100,884
23	(37)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$98,669
24	(38)	Director of Disability Services	1	\$98,669
25	(39)	Dir. of Retention Services	1	\$98,669
26	(40)	Assistant Controller	1	\$95,766
27	(41)	Fiscal Support Pool	9	
28		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
29		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
30		Accountant II		\$72,774
31		Accountant I		\$69,975
32		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
33		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
34		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
35		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
36	(42)	Public Safety Pool	10	

1	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
2	Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
3	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
4	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
5	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
6	Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
7	Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
8	Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
9	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
10	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
11	Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
12	Security Officer		\$47,272
13	Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
14	Watchman		\$38,855
15	(43) Campus Maintenance Supervisor	2	\$78,713
16	(44) Payroll Services Coordinator	1	\$78,713
17	(45) Procurement Coordinator	1	\$78,713
18	(46) Academic Advisor	5	\$77,184
19	(47) Skilled Trades Pool	14	
20	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
21	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
22	Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
23	Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
24	Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
25	(48) Coord. of Sports Information	1	\$72,774
26	(49) Human Resources Analyst	1	\$72,774
27	(50) Research Project Analyst	1	\$72,774
28	(51) HEI Program Coordinator	1	\$69,975
29	(52) Occupational Safety Coord.	1	\$69,975
30	(53) Administrative Support Pool	27	
31	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
32	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
33	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
34	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
35	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
36	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175

1	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
2	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
3	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
4	(54) Assistant Registrar	2	\$67,284
5	(55) Financial Aid Analyst	5	\$67,284
6	(56) Library Support Pool	4	
7	Library Supervisor		\$67,284
8	Library Specialist		\$57,515
9	Library Technician		\$53,175
10	Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
11	(57) Boiler Operator	4	\$64,696
12	(58) Commercial Graphic Artist	1	\$64,696
13	(59) Warehouse Manager	1	\$64,696
14	(60) Student Recruit Specialist	3	\$62,208
15	(61) Special Events Coordinator	1	\$59,815
16	(62) Coordinator of Housekeeping	1	\$57,515
17	(63) Heavy Equipment Operator	1	\$53,175
18	(64) Cashier	2	\$51,130
19	(65) Maintenance Assistant	5	\$51,130
20	(66) Institutional Services Shift Supv.	1	\$49,164
21	(67) Warehouse Worker	1	\$47,272
22	(68) Equipment Operator	4	\$45,455
23	(69) Institutional Services Supervisor	2	\$43,706
24	(70) Institutional Services Assistant	19	\$42,025
25	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
26	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
27	(71) Chair Agri. & Dir. SEREC	1	\$228,689
28	(72) Department Chairperson	4	\$160,134
29	(73) Faculty	41	
30	Professor		\$153,170
31	Associate Professor		\$135,750
32	Assistant Professor		\$125,303
33	Instructor		\$104,389
34	(74) Research Associate	2	\$142,085
35	(75) Director of Library Services	1	\$135,750
36	(76) Forest Manager	1	\$122,249

1	(77)	Associate Librarian	1	\$110,077
2	(78)	Assistant Librarian	4	\$96,743
3	(79)	Learning Skills Specialist	1	\$96,743
4	(80)	Senior Research Assistant	7	\$84,371
5	(81)	Graduate Assistant	35	\$33,127
6		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
7		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
8	(82)	Distinguished Professor	1	\$161,829
9	(83)	Faculty	99	
10		Professor		\$149,687
11		Associate Professor		\$132,261
12		Assistant Professor		\$121,812
13		Instructor		\$100,908
14	(84)	Clinical Associate Professor	2	\$132,261
15	(85)	Clinical Assistant Professor	2	\$121,812
16	(86)	Clinical Instructor	2	\$100,908
17	(87)	Part-Time Faculty	70	\$56,046
18	(88)	Graduate Assistant	8	\$26,894
19		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
20		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
21	(89)	Director of Athletics	1	\$159,847
22	(90)	Head Coach	9	\$146,047
23	(91)	Assistant Coach	10	\$114,807
24	(92)	Head Athletic Trainer	1	\$114,807
25	(93)	Asst. Athl. Dir. for Compliance	1	\$114,807
26	(94)	Registered Nurse	1	\$81,860
27	(95)	UAM Director of Housing	1	\$72,774
28	(96)	Resident Hall Specialist	3	\$57,515
29	(97)	Innkeeper Specialist	1	\$53,175
30	(98)	Assistant Athletic Trainer	2	\$49,548
31	(99)	Resident Hall Manager	1	\$49,164
32	(100)	Institutional Services Assistant	8	\$42,025
33		<u>UAM - COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY - MCGEHEE</u>		
34		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
35		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
36	(101)	IT Pool	2	

1	Network Engineer	\$200,973
2	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994
3	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
4	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
5	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
6	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
7	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
8	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
9	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
10	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
11	Database Administrator	\$106,607
12	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
13	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
14	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
15	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
16	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
17	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
18	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
19	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
20	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
21	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
22	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
23	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
24	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
25	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
26	Security Analyst	\$90,223
27	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
28	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
29	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
30	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
31	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
32	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
33	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
34	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
35	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
36	Database Analyst	\$80,208

1	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
2	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
3	Website Developer		\$77,123
4	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
5	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
6	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
7	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
8	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
9	Media Specialist		\$69,975
10	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
11	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
12	Computer Operator		\$65,925
13	Network Analyst		\$65,925
14	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
15	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
16	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
17	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
18	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
19	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
20	(102) Vice Chancellor	1	\$173,915
21	(103) Project Coordinator	1	\$121,923
22	(104) Business Development Cntr. Coord.	1	\$109,882
23	(105) Director of Vocational Counseling	1	\$107,674
24	(106) Director of Student Activities	1	\$100,904
25	(107) Fiscal Support Pool	1	
26	Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
27	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
28	Accountant II		\$72,774
29	Accountant I		\$69,975
30	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
31	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
32	Accounting Technician		\$55,302
33	Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
34	(108) Public Safety Pool	1	
35	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
36	Director Public Safety I		\$88,541

1	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
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6	Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
7	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
8	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
9	Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
10	Security Officer		\$47,272
11	Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
12	Watchman		\$38,855
13	(109) Administrative Support Pool	4	
14	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
15	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
16	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
17	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
18	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
19	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
20	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
21	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
22	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
23	(110) Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
24	(111) Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
25	(112) Maintenance Assistant	2	\$51,130
26	(113) Institutional Services Assistant	1	\$42,025
27	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
28	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
29	(114) Tech. Center Dir. of Instructors	1	\$147,011
30	(115) Workforce Ed. Instructor	8	\$111,618
31	(116) Workforce Ed. Part-time Faculty	10	\$53,448
32	<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
33	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
34	(117) Workforce Ed. Instructor	15	\$74,450
35	<u>UAM - COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY - CROSSETT</u>		
36	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		

1	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
2	(118) IT Pool	1	
3	Network Engineer		\$200,973
4	Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
5	Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
6	Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
7	Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
8	Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
9	Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
10	Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
11	System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
12	Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
13	Database Administrator		\$106,607
14	Systems Administrator		\$105,547
15	Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
16	Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
17	Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
18	Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
19	Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
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35	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$83,416
36	PC Support Specialist		\$81,860

1	Computer Support Specialist		\$80,208
2	Database Analyst		\$80,208
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21	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
22	(119) Vice Chancellor	1	\$173,915
23	(120) Project Coordinator	1	\$121,923
24	(121) Business and Industry Coordinator	1	\$109,882
25	(122) Director of Vocational Counseling	1	\$107,674
26	(123) Director of Student Activities	1	\$100,904
27	(124) Fiscal Support Pool	2	
28	Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
29	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
30	Accountant II		\$72,774
31	Accountant I		\$69,975
32	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
33	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
34	Accounting Technician		\$55,302
35	Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
36	(125) Public Safety Pool	1	

1	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
2	Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
3	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
4	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
5	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
6	Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
7	Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
8	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
9	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
10	Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
11	Security Officer		\$47,272
12	Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
13	Watchman		\$38,855
14	(126) Administrative Support Pool	3	
15	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
16	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
17	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
18	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
19	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
20	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
21	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
22	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
23	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
24	(127) Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
25	(128) Institutional Services Assistant	1	\$42,025
26	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
27	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
28	(129) Tech. Center Dir. of Instructors	1	\$147,011
29	(130) Workforce Ed. Instructor	3	\$111,619
30	(131) Workforce Ed. Part-time Faculty	18	\$53,448
31	<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
32	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
33	(132) Workforce Ed. Instructor	17	\$74,450
34	<u>ARKANSAS HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR</u>		
35	<u>TRAINING ACADEMY - WARREN CENTER</u>		
36	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		

1		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
2	(133)	Director, AHEOTA	1	\$118,723
3	(134)	Administrative Support Pool	1	
4		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
5		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
6		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
7		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
8		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
9		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
10		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
11		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
12		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
13		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
14		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
15	(135)	Workforce Ed. Instructor	2	\$111,619
16	(136)	AHEOTA Coordinator/Recruiter	1	\$90,460
17		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
18		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
19	(137)	Workforce Ed. Part-time Faculty	<u>1</u>	\$53,448
20		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	632	

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22 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS - MONTICELLO. There is hereby

23 authorized, for the University of Arkansas at Monticello for the 2025-2026

24 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary

25 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated

26 herein for such purposes: seven hundred ninety (790) temporary or part-time

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

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

29 for the appropriate classification.

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31 SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS - MCGEHEE. There is hereby

32 authorized, for the University of Arkansas at Monticello - McGehee for the

33 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary

34 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated

35 herein for such purposes: thirty-six (36) temporary or part-time employees,

36 when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform

Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 4. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS - CROSSETT. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas at Monticello - Crossett for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty-six (36) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - MONTICELLO. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Monticello Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Monticello for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,000,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,244,640
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,881,040
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	100,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>972,032</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,197,712</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - MONTICELLO. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Monticello for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	NO.	2025-2026
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,600,000
5	(02) EXTRA HELP	700,000
6	(03) OVERTIME	10,000
7	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,400,000
8	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
9	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,371,000
10	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
11	(C) PROF. FEES	900,000
12	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	7,000,000
13	(E) DATA PROC.	0
14	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2,500,000
15	(07) DEBT SERVICE	50,000
16	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$27,581,000</u>

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18 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - CENTER FOR FOREST

19 BUSINESS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at

20 Monticello, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Monticello Fund,

21 for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at

22 Monticello Center for Forest Business for the fiscal year ending June 30,

23 2026, the following:

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25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	NO.	2025-2026
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$430,000
28	(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
29	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	175,000
30	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	197,001
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,000
33	(C) PROF. FEES	0
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$832,001</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - MCGEHEE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Monticello Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Monticello - McGehee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,600,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	250,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	250,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	409,318
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,509,318</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - MCGEHEE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Monticello - McGehee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$280,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
(03) OVERTIME	2,500
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	180,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	330,150
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
(C) PROF. FEES	15,000

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	30,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$940,150</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - CROSSETT. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Monticello Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Monticello - Crossett for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,125,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	275,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	225,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	248,642
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,873,642</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - CROSSETT. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Monticello - Crossett for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$300,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	75,000
(03) OVERTIME	5,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	180,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	386,160
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
3	(C) PROF. FEES	20,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	35,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,003,660</u>

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8 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

9 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

10 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

11 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction

14 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where

15 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and

16 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in

17 disbursement of said funds.

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19 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

20 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

21 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

22 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

23 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

24 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

25 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

26 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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28 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

29 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits

30 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of

32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

33 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

34 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm

35 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

36 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

1 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
2 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 126

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
AT PINE BLUFF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT
PINE BLUFF APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item		No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Chancellor	1	\$291,247
(2)	Chief of Staff	1	\$232,104
(3)	Project/Program Administrator	28	
	Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294



1	Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
2	Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
3	Project/Program Director		\$135,750
4	Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
5	Executive Assistant		\$115,000
6	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
7	(4) Provost	1	\$201,301
8	(5) IT Pool	20	
9	Network Engineer		\$200,973
10	Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
11	Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
12	Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
13	Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
14	Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
15	Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
16	Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
17	System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
18	Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
19	Database Administrator		\$106,607
20	Systems Administrator		\$105,547
21	Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
22	Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
23	Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
24	Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
25	Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
26	Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585
27	Systems Specialist		\$97,585
28	Information Technology Manager		\$96,408
29	Network Support Specialist		\$93,831
30	Senior Software Support Analyst		\$93,831
31	Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$92,374
32	Tech Support/Applications Support		\$92,374
33	Information Systems Business Manager		\$90,223
34	Security Analyst		\$90,223
35	Systems Analyst		\$90,223
36	Information Technology Specialist		\$88,339

1	Computer Support Coordinator		\$86,753
2	Software Support Analyst		\$86,753
3	Systems Applications Supervisor		\$86,753
4	Computer Operations Coordinator		\$83,416
5	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$83,416
6	PC Support Specialist		\$81,860
7	Computer Support Specialist		\$80,208
8	Database Analyst		\$80,208
9	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
10	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
11	Website Developer		\$77,123
12	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
13	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
14	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
15	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
16	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
17	Media Specialist		\$69,975
18	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
19	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
20	Computer Operator		\$65,925
21	Network Analyst		\$65,925
22	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
23	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
24	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
25	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
26	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
27	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
28	(6) Vice Chan. for Finance & Administration	1	\$194,320
29	(7) V-C for Res., Innovation & Econ. Devel.	1	\$188,485
30	(8) Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$188,485
31	(9) Vice Chan. for Advancement/Development	1	\$188,485
32	(10) Vice Chan. for Enrollment Mgmt	1	\$188,484
33	(11) Dean	7	\$173,915
34	(12) Dean of Graduate Studies	1	\$173,914
35	(13) Dir. of Research & Sponsored Programs	1	\$173,466
36	(14) Director of Counseling	1	\$154,803

1	(15)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$145,572
2	(16)	Director of Corporate Giving	1	\$144,269
3	(17)	Director of Facilities Planning	1	\$142,891
4	(18)	Director of University Relations	1	\$142,888
5	(19)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$142,721
6	(20)	Assistant to the Chancellor	1	\$141,997
7	(21)	Associate Vice Chancellor	3	\$141,997
8	(22)	Business Affairs Administrator	1	\$141,997
9	(23)	Director of International Programs	1	\$141,997
10	(24)	Director of Development	2	\$141,997
11	(25)	Controller	1	\$138,312
12	(26)	Director of Affirmative Action	1	\$135,747
13	(27)	Director of Social Work	1	\$135,747
14	(28)	Dir. of Alumni and Gov. Relations	1	\$133,584
15	(29)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,579
16	(30)	Registrar	1	\$129,169
17	(31)	Director of Admissions	1	\$126,225
18	(32)	Director of Student Financial Aid	1	\$126,225
19	(33)	Director of Cooperative Education	1	\$124,037
20	(34)	Development/Advancement Manager	1	\$121,320
21	(35)	Budget Director	1	\$120,948
22	(36)	Director of University Police	1	\$120,828
23	(37)	Dean of Students	2	\$119,876
24	(38)	Director of Administrative Services	1	\$116,274
25	(39)	Assoc. Dean of Students	2	\$113,407
26	(40)	Associate Dean	2	\$113,407
27	(41)	Assistant Dean	1	\$106,740
28	(42)	Dir. of Educational Assessment	1	\$106,740
29	(43)	Director of Health Services	1	\$106,740
30	(44)	Director of Recruitment	1	\$106,740
31	(45)	Student Development Specialist	2	\$100,654
32	(46)	Director of Disability Services	1	\$98,669
33	(47)	Associate for Administration	2	\$93,943
34	(48)	Director of Publications	1	\$93,943
35	(49)	Fiscal Support Pool	17	
36		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082

1		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
2		Accountant II		\$72,774
3		Accountant I		\$69,975
4		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
5		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
6		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
7		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
8	(50)	Public Safety Pool	20	
9		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
10		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
11		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
12		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
13		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
14		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
15		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
16		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
17		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
18		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
19		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
20		Security Officer		\$47,272
21		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
22		Watchman		\$38,855
23	(51)	Asst. Dir. of Continuing Educ.	2	\$90,135
24	(52)	Asst. Dir. of Coop. Education	2	\$90,135
25	(53)	Director of Materials Management	1	\$90,135
26	(54)	Grants Manager	1	\$85,136
27	(55)	Personnel Manager	1	\$85,136
28	(56)	Television Program Manager	1	\$85,136
29	(57)	Public Information Coordinator	1	\$81,860
30	(58)	Campus Maintenance Supervisor	3	\$78,713
31	(59)	Education Counselor	3	\$78,713
32	(60)	Payroll Services Coordinator	1	\$78,713
33	(61)	Research Technologist	1	\$78,713
34	(62)	Admissions Counselor	3	\$77,184
35	(63)	Academic Advisor	5	\$77,184
36	(64)	Transfer Coordinator	1	\$77,184

1	(65)	Skilled Trades Pool	26	
2		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
3		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
4		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
5		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
6		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
7	(66)	Asst. Dir. Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
8	(67)	Budget Specialist	1	\$72,774
9	(68)	Human Resources Analyst	1	\$72,774
10	(69)	Research Project Analyst	4	\$72,774
11	(70)	HEI Program Coordinator	1	\$69,975
12	(71)	Print Shop Manager	1	\$69,975
13	(72)	Administrative Support Pool	58	
14		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
15		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
16		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
17		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
18		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
19		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
20		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
21		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
22		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
23	(73)	Assistant Registrar	3	\$67,284
24	(74)	Financial Aid Analyst	4	\$67,284
25	(75)	Library Support Pool	11	
26		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
27		Library Specialist		\$57,515
28		Library Technician		\$53,175
29		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
30	(76)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
31	(77)	Purchasing Specialist	2	\$67,284
32	(78)	Broadcast Production Specialist	1	\$64,696
33	(79)	Institutional Printer	2	\$64,696
34	(80)	Warehouse Manager	1	\$64,696
35	(81)	Financial Aid Specialist	3	\$62,208
36	(82)	Human Resources Specialist	2	\$62,208

1	(83)	Inventory Control Manager	1	\$62,208
2	(84)	Student Recruitment Specialist	2	\$62,208
3	(85)	Maintenance Specialist	1	\$59,815
4	(86)	Research Assistant	2	\$59,815
5	(87)	Athletic Facility Supervisor	1	\$57,515
6	(88)	Coordinator of Housekeeping	2	\$57,515
7	(89)	Storeroom Supervisor	1	\$57,515
8	(90)	Human Resources Assistant	1	\$55,302
9	(91)	Laboratory Technician	3	\$55,302
10	(92)	Institutional Bus Driver	3	\$53,175
11	(93)	Research Technician	2	\$53,175
12	(94)	Inventory Control Technician	1	\$51,130
13	(95)	Maintenance Assistant	14	\$51,130
14	(96)	Registrar's Assistant	1	\$49,164
15	(97)	Shipping & Receiving Clerk	4	\$45,455
16	(98)	Institutional Services Supervisor	4	\$43,706
17	(99)	Institutional Services Assistant	27	\$42,025
18		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
19		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
20	(100)	Department Chairperson	16	\$160,134
21	(101)	Faculty	38	
22		Professor		\$153,170
23		Associate Professor		\$135,750
24		Assistant Professor		\$125,303
25		Instructor		\$104,389
26	(102)	Director of Library Services	1	\$135,750
27	(103)	Research Associate	1	\$133,427
28	(104)	Assoc. Director of Library	1	\$129,986
29	(105)	Associate Librarian	5	\$110,077
30	(106)	Special Instructor	1	\$104,389
31	(107)	Assistant Librarian	2	\$96,743
32	(108)	Graduate Assistant	2	\$34,516
33		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
34		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
35	(109)	Faculty	132	
36		Distinguished Professor		\$161,829

1		Professor		\$149,687
2		Associate Professor		\$132,261
3		Assistant Professor		\$121,812
4		Instructor		\$100,908
5	(110)	Special Instructor	2	\$100,908
6	(111)	Lecturer	2	\$75,273
7	(112)	Part-Time Faculty	53	\$56,046
8	(113)	Laboratory Assistant	6	\$40,163
9		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
10		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
11	(114)	Head Coach	7	\$195,794
12	(115)	Director of Athletics	1	\$159,847
13	(116)	Director of Auxiliary Enterprises	1	\$125,549
14	(117)	Assistant Director of Athletics	2	\$122,257
15	(118)	Senior Women's Sports Administrator	1	\$122,257
16	(119)	Coach	13	\$122,241
17	(120)	Athletic Compliance Coordinator	1	\$118,867
18	(121)	Assistant Coach	8	\$114,807
19	(122)	Head Athletic Trainer	1	\$114,806
20	(123)	Business Manager	1	\$99,798
21	(124)	Sports Information Director	1	\$99,798
22	(125)	Athletic Facility Manager	1	\$96,579
23	(126)	Eligibility Specialist	1	\$96,579
24	(127)	Registered Nurse	1	\$81,860
25	(128)	Education Counselor	3	\$78,713
26	(129)	Director of Student Union	1	\$75,685
27	(130)	UAPB Director of Housing	1	\$75,685
28	(131)	Athletic Ticket Sales Coord.	1	\$69,975
29	(132)	HEI Program Coordinator	2	\$69,975
30	(133)	Administrative Support Pool	2	
31		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
32		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
33		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
34		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
35		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
36		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175

1		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
2		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
3		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
4	(134)	Asst. Director Student Union	1	\$67,284
5	(135)	Food Service Pool	1	
6		Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
7		Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
8		Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
9		Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
10		Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
11	(136)	Licensed Practical Nurse	1	\$62,208
12	(137)	Recreation Coordinator	1	\$59,815
13	(138)	Resident Hall Specialist	12	\$57,515
14	(139)	Athletic Trainer	2	\$55,302
15	(140)	Inventory Control Technician	1	\$51,130
16	(141)	Mail Services Coordinator	1	\$49,164
17	(142)	Mail Services Assistant	2	\$45,455
18	(143)	Institutional Services Assistant	5	\$42,025
19		<u>AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION</u>		
20		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
21		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
22	(144)	Dir. of UAPB Agri. Experiment Stat.	1	\$173,915
23	(145)	Resident Director	1	\$105,621
24	(146)	Administrative Support Pool	6	
25		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
26		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
27		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
28		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
29		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
30		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
31		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
32		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
33		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
34	(147)	Research Assistant	3	\$59,815
35	(148)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$55,302
36		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		

1		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
2	(149)	Faculty	37	
3		Distinguished Professor		\$161,829
4		Professor		\$153,172
5		Associate Professor		\$135,750
6		Assistant Professor		\$125,303
7		Instructor		\$104,389
8	(150)	Research Associate	12	\$133,427
9	(151)	Research Specialist	7	\$106,131
10	(152)	Senior Research Assistant	14	\$100,908
11	(153)	Graduate Assistant	33	\$57,379
12		<u>UAPB 1890 EXTENSION PROGRAM</u>		
13		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
14		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
15	(154)	UAPB 1890 Extension Administrator	1	\$173,915
16	(155)	Project/Program Director	2	\$135,747
17	(156)	Administrative Support Pool	3	
18		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
19		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
20		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
21		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
22		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
23		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
24		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
25		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
26		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
27		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
28		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
29	(157)	Extension Faculty	35	
30		Extension Specialist V		\$242,370
31		Extension Specialist IV		\$223,889
32		Extension Specialist III		\$191,033
33		Extension Specialist II		\$180,763
34		Extension Specialist I		\$128,780
35		Extension Asst. Specialist		\$113,454
36	(158)	Extension Associate	9	\$100,914

1	(159)	Multi-County Ext. Agent	5	\$59,115
2	(160)	Extension Program Aide	<u>7</u>	\$56,247
3		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	880	

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5 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
6 the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
7 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
8 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: nine
9 hundred twenty-four (924) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
10 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
11 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
12 classification.

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14 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
15 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from
16 the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Fund, for personal services and
17 operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for the fiscal
18 year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$18,655,782
23	(02) EXTRA HELP	317,860
24	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,882,693
25	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
28	(C) PROF. FEES	575,000
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30	(E) DATA PROC.	0
31	(05) CONTINGENCY	<u>1,222,067</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,663,402</u>

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34 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - 1890 EXTENSION PROGRAM.
35 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to
36 be payable from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Fund, for personal

services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
1890 Extension Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) EXTENSION PROGRAM PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$6,396,701</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from cash funds as
defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating
expenses of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for the fiscal year
ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$16,122,263
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,815,986
(03) OVERTIME	500,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,235,857
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	21,273,367
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	776,093
(C) PROF. FEES	4,440,232
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	4,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	36,000,000
(07) DEBT SERVICE	2,602,223
(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND INVESTMENTS	20,000
(09) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>113,499</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$92,899,520</u>

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. JENKINS

1 CENTER. Of the funds appropriated in the State Operations appropriation
2 section, the sum of \$252,558 for the fiscal year shall be used to provide
3 support to the Jenkins Center in Pine Bluff. Provided, however, such funds
4 shall be used to conduct and maintain a University training program in
5 cooperation with the Jenkins Center. Provided, further, any reductions in
6 funding for appropriation provided in the State Operations appropriation
7 section shall be proportionately applied to the funds set out herein for
8 support.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
10 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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12 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
13 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
14 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
15 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
16 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
17 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
18 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
19 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
20 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
21 disbursement of said funds.

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

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32 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
33 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
34 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
2 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
3 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
4 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
5 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
6 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S3/5/25

95th General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 333

By: Senator S. Flowers

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION
EXPENSES OF A POLICE STATION FACILITY AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT
PINE BLUFF - POLICE STATION FACILITY
CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - POLICE STATION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION. There
is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be
payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for construction expenses of a police
station facility at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for the fiscal
year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES OF A POLICE STATION FACILITY	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency



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

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10 SECTION 3. 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 4. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

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31 /s/S. Flowers
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34 APPROVED: 3/20/25
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 125

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL
ARKANSAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL
ARKANSAS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026
FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Central Arkansas for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
		Fiscal Year
Item	No. of	2025-2026
No.	Title	Employees
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, Univ. of Central Arkansas	1 \$354,537
(2)	Executive Vice-President and Provost	1 \$268,500
(3)	Dean, College of Business	1 \$263,509
(4)	Dean, Coll. of Health/Behav. Sciences	1 \$263,509



1	(5)	Dean, Coll. of Nat. Sci./Mathematics	1	\$263,509
2	(6)	Chief of Staff	1	\$232,104
3	(7)	Chief Information Officer	1	\$231,055
4	(8)	Executive Asst. to the President	1	\$225,261
5	(9)	Vice-Pres. for Enrollment Management	1	\$225,261
6	(10)	Vice-Pres. for Finance & Admin.	1	\$225,261
7	(11)	Vice-Pres. for Univ. & Gov. Relations	1	\$221,840
8	(12)	Vice-Pres. for Student Services	1	\$221,840
9	(13)	Vice-Pres. for Development	1	\$221,840
10	(14)	Academic Dean	8	\$214,997
11	(15)	Project/Program Administrator	107	
12		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
13		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
14		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
15		Project/Program Director		\$135,750
16		Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
17		Executive Assistant		\$115,000
18		Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
19	(16)	Associate Provost	5	\$202,554
20	(17)	IT Pool	63	
21		Network Engineer		\$200,973
22		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
23		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
24		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
25		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
26		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
27		Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
28		Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
29		System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
30		Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
31		Database Administrator		\$106,607
32		Systems Administrator		\$105,547
33		Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
34		Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
35		Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
36		Computer Support Manager		\$97,585

1	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
2	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
3	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
4	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
5	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
6	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
7	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
8	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
9	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
10	Security Analyst	\$90,223
11	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
12	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
13	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
14	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
15	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
16	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
17	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
18	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
19	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
20	Database Analyst	\$80,208
21	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
22	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
23	Website Developer	\$77,123
24	Information Systems Analyst	\$74,157
25	Information Systems Security Analyst	\$74,157
26	Computer Support Analyst	\$74,157
27	Software Support Specialist	\$71,305
28	Telecommunications Supervisor	\$71,305
29	Media Specialist	\$69,975
30	Computer Support Technician	\$68,562
31	Help Desk Specialist	\$68,562
32	Computer Operator	\$65,925
33	Network Analyst	\$65,925
34	Telecommunications Specialist	\$65,925
35	Multimedia Specialist	\$62,208
36	Information Technology Assistant	\$58,608

1	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
2	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
3	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
4	(18) Associate Vice-President	6	\$194,960
5	(19) Director of Computer Services	3	\$188,816
6	(20) General Counsel	1	\$174,599
7	(21) Controller	1	\$173,915
8	(22) Associate Dean	9	\$172,300
9	(23) Director of Development	2	\$170,510
10	(24) Assistant Vice-President	3	\$165,137
11	(25) Director of Physical Plant	1	\$163,702
12	(26) Director of University Relations	1	\$163,388
13	(27) Assistant Provost	2	\$163,388
14	(28) Registrar	1	\$156,464
15	(29) Director of Counseling Center	1	\$154,803
16	(30) Director of Planned Giving	1	\$154,803
17	(31) Dir. of Corp. & Foundation Relations	1	\$154,803
18	(32) Dir. of Grants & Other Sponsored Prgm.	1	\$151,822
19	(33) Director of Engineering Systems	1	\$147,876
20	(34) Continuing Education Coordinator	1	\$146,665
21	(35) Dean of Students	1	\$146,665
22	(36) Director of Public Service	1	\$146,665
23	(37) Director of Corporate Relations	1	\$144,923
24	(38) Assoc. Director of Computer Services	5	\$144,564
25	(39) Assoc. Director of Development	2	\$143,388
26	(40) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$142,085
27	(41) Director of Student Aid	1	\$141,348
28	(42) Director of Cooperative Education	1	\$137,620
29	(43) Associate Controller	1	\$132,372
30	(44) Business Manager	1	\$131,802
31	(45) Dir. of Admissions	1	\$131,622
32	(46) Director of Internal Audits	1	\$129,266
33	(47) UCA Dir. of University Police	1	\$128,295
34	(48) Project Engineer	1	\$127,980
35	(49) Director of Major Gifts	1	\$127,373
36	(50) Budget Officer	1	\$126,225

1	(51)	Development Officer	12	\$122,527
2	(52)	Director of Alumni	1	\$113,661
3	(53)	Dir. of Publications & Creative Svcs.	1	\$113,108
4	(54)	Director of Information	1	\$109,420
5	(55)	Director of Developmental Skills	1	\$108,727
6	(56)	Academic/Student Support	50	
7		Student Development Specialist		\$106,608
8		Academic Counselor		\$94,342
9	(57)	Assistant Dean of Students	14	\$106,608
10	(58)	Director of Disability Services	1	\$106,608
11	(59)	Dir. Environ. Health & Safety Prgms.	1	\$106,311
12	(60)	Senior Internal Auditor	1	\$99,089
13	(61)	Associate for Administration	3	\$98,310
14	(62)	Fiscal Support Pool	33	
15		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
16		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
17		Accountant II		\$72,774
18		Accountant I		\$69,975
19		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
20		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
21		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
22		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
23	(63)	Public Safety Pool	35	
24		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
25		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
26		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
27		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
28		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
29		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
30		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
31		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
32		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
33		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
34		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
35		Security Officer		\$47,272
36		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455

1	Watchman		\$38,855
2	(64) Buyer Supervisor	1	\$78,713
3	(65) Campus Maintenance Supervisor	2	\$78,713
4	(66) Education Counselor	13	\$78,713
5	(67) Skilled Trades Pool	56	
6	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
7	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
8	Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
9	Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
10	Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
11	(68) Editor	1	\$72,774
12	(69) Human Resources Analyst	5	\$72,774
13	(70) Maintenance Coordinator	4	\$72,774
14	(71) Staff Development Coordinator	1	\$72,774
15	(72) Building and Grounds Coordinator	2	\$69,975
16	(73) Buyer	4	\$69,975
17	(74) Construction Inspector	3	\$69,975
18	(75) Construction/Maintenance Coordinator	2	\$69,975
19	(76) Education & Instruction Specialist	1	\$69,975
20	(77) Energy Conservation Coordinator	1	\$69,975
21	(78) Engineer Technician	1	\$69,975
22	(79) HEI Program Coordinator	33	\$69,975
23	(80) Human Resources Recruiter	1	\$69,975
24	(81) Print Shop Manager	1	\$69,975
25	(82) Public Information Specialist	2	\$69,975
26	(83) Student Applications Specialist	2	\$69,975
27	(84) Administrative Support Pool	134	
28	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
29	Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
30	Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
31	Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
32	Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
33	Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
34	Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
35	Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
36	Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855

1	(85)	Asst. Registrar	9	\$67,284
2	(86)	Financial Aid Analyst	5	\$67,284
3	(87)	Library Support Pool	31	
4		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
5		Library Specialist		\$57,515
6		Library Technician		\$53,175
7		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
8	(88)	Maintenance Supervisor	6	\$67,284
9	(89)	Payroll Services Specialist	2	\$67,284
10	(90)	Financial Aid Specialist	3	\$62,208
11	(91)	Human Resources Specialist	2	\$62,208
12	(92)	Inventory Control Manager	1	\$62,208
13	(93)	Landscape Supervisor	2	\$62,208
14	(94)	Student Recruitment Specialist	3	\$62,208
15	(95)	Instrumentation Technician	3	\$59,815
16	(96)	Maintenance Specialist	6	\$59,815
17	(97)	Research Assistant	1	\$59,815
18	(98)	Special Events Coordinator	3	\$59,815
19	(99)	Coordinator of Housekeeping	4	\$57,515
20	(100)	Laboratory Coordinator	2	\$57,515
21	(101)	Equipment Mechanic	1	\$55,302
22	(102)	Landscape Specialist	2	\$55,302
23	(103)	Warehouse Specialist	1	\$55,302
24	(104)	Duplication Assistant	1	\$53,175
25	(105)	Heavy Equipment Operator	5	\$53,175
26	(106)	Institutional Bus Driver	10	\$53,175
27	(107)	Cashier	2	\$51,130
28	(108)	Maintenance Assistant	12	\$51,130
29	(109)	Registrar's Assistant	4	\$49,164
30	(110)	Warehouse Worker	2	\$47,272
31	(111)	Equipment Operator	15	\$45,455
32	(112)	Institutional Services Supervisor	7	\$43,706
33	(113)	Institutional Services Assistant	54	\$42,025
34		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
35		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
36	(114)	Faculty	59	

1		Distinguished Professor		\$229,010
2		Professor		\$197,881
3		Assoc. Professor		\$184,186
4		Asst. Professor		\$156,658
5		Instructor		\$128,780
6		Lecturer		\$107,878
7	(115)	Department Chairperson	40	\$201,304
8	(116)	Director of Library	1	\$191,606
9	(117)	Research Associate	2	\$146,533
10	(118)	Archivist	1	\$127,916
11	(119)	Assoc. Librarian	2	\$112,217
12	(120)	Asst. Librarian	11	\$106,436
13	(121)	Research Assistant	2	\$87,721
14		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
15		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
16	(122)	Faculty	615	
17		Distinguished Professor		\$221,655
18		Professor		\$194,459
19		Assoc. Professor		\$170,492
20		Asst. Professor		\$142,719
21		Instructor		\$111,361
22		Senior Lecturer		\$103,138
23		Lecturer II		\$96,692
24		Lecturer I		\$89,980
25	(123)	Part-Time Faculty	200	\$56,046
26	(124)	Graduate Assistant	270	\$35,147
27		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
28		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
29	(125)	Head Football Coach	1	\$262,279
30	(126)	Senior Physician	1	\$248,403
31	(127)	Head Coach/Athletic Director	1	\$221,774
32	(128)	Project/Program Administrator	26	
33		Executive Project/Program Director		\$207,294
34		Exec. Project/Program Manager		\$181,097
35		Sr. Project/Program Director		\$167,382
36		Project/Program Director		\$135,750

1	Project/Program Manager		\$123,020
2	Executive Assistant		\$115,000
3	Project/Program Specialist		\$106,139
4	(129) Head Basketball Coach	2	\$206,846
5	(130) IT Pool	3	
6	Network Engineer		\$200,973
7	Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
8	Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
9	Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
10	Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
11	Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570
12	Coordinator of Information Technology		\$119,967
13	Website Developer/Programmer		\$119,967
14	System Programmer/Web Developer		\$118,592
15	Computer Systems Mgr.		\$108,987
16	Database Administrator		\$106,607
17	Systems Administrator		\$105,547
18	Information Systems Security Specialist		\$103,579
19	Institution Information Technology Coord.		\$101,489
20	Assistant Database Administrator		\$97,665
21	Computer Support Manager		\$97,585
22	Information Systems Coordinator		\$97,585
23	Senior Software Support Specialist		\$97,585
24	Systems Specialist		\$97,585
25	Information Technology Manager		\$96,408
26	Network Support Specialist		\$93,831
27	Senior Software Support Analyst		\$93,831
28	Tech Support/Systems Admin.		\$92,374
29	Tech Support/Applications Support		\$92,374
30	Information Systems Business Manager		\$90,223
31	Security Analyst		\$90,223
32	Systems Analyst		\$90,223
33	Information Technology Specialist		\$88,339
34	Computer Support Coordinator		\$86,753
35	Software Support Analyst		\$86,753
36	Systems Applications Supervisor		\$86,753

1	Computer Operations Coordinator		\$83,416
2	Systems Coordination Analyst		\$83,416
3	PC Support Specialist		\$81,860
4	Computer Support Specialist		\$80,208
5	Database Analyst		\$80,208
6	Digital Broadcast Specialist		\$77,123
7	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
8	Website Developer		\$77,123
9	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
10	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
11	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
12	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
13	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
14	Media Specialist		\$69,975
15	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
16	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
17	Computer Operator		\$65,925
18	Network Analyst		\$65,925
19	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
20	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
21	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
22	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
23	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
24	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
25	(131) Associate Vice-President	1	\$191,324
26	(132) Physician	1	\$164,492
27	(133) Assoc. Dir. of Athletics	2	\$154,710
28	(134) Head Coach	12	\$146,048
29	(135) Dir. of Auxiliary Enterprises	1	\$140,296
30	(136) Advanced Practice Nurse	3	\$127,234
31	(137) Compliance Coordinator	1	\$120,641
32	(138) Director of Housing	1	\$115,923
33	(139) Assistant Athletic Director	5	\$114,807
34	(140) Assistant Coach	36	\$114,807
35	(141) Athletic Trainer	1	\$114,807
36	(142) Asst. Strength/Conditioning Coach	1	\$114,807

1	(143)	Assistant Dean of Students	3	\$106,608
2	(144)	Coordinator of Intramural Activities	2	\$103,400
3	(145)	Coordinator of Athletic Facilities	1	\$96,579
4	(146)	Fiscal Support Pool	8	
5		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
6		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
7		Accountant II		\$72,774
8		Accountant I		\$69,975
9		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
10		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
11		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
12		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
13	(147)	Campus Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$78,713
14	(148)	Skilled Trades Pool	21	
15		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
16		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
17		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
18		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
19		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
20	(149)	UCA Asst. Director of Housing	2	\$72,774
21	(150)	Education and Instruction Specialist	1	\$69,975
22	(151)	HEI Program Coordinator	8	\$69,975
23	(152)	Campus Equip. & Facilities Specialist	3	\$67,325
24	(153)	Administrative Support Pool	6	
25		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
26		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
27		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
28		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
29		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
30		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
31		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
32		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
33		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
34	(154)	Medical Technologist	2	\$67,284
35	(155)	Food Service Pool	7	
36		Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696

1	Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
2	Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
3	Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
4	Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
5	(156) Inventory Control Manager	1	\$62,208
6	(157) Licensed Practical Nurse	6	\$62,208
7	(158) Special Events Coordinator	1	\$59,815
8	(159) Coordinator of Housekeeping	1	\$57,515
9	(160) Facility Manager I	1	\$57,515
10	(161) Campus Postmaster	1	\$55,302
11	(162) Health Services Specialist II	1	\$55,302
12	(163) Institutional Bus Driver	1	\$53,175
13	(164) Maintenance Assistant	1	\$51,130
14	(165) Institutional Services Shift Supv.	1	\$49,164
15	(166) Mail Services Coordinator	1	\$49,164
16	(167) Residential Care Assistant	5	\$47,272
17	(168) Mail Services Assistant	1	\$45,455
18	(169) Institutional Services Supervisor	4	\$43,706
19	(170) Institutional Services Assistant	<u>29</u>	\$42,025
20	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2,298	

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22 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 23 the University of Central Arkansas for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
 24 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 25 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 26 thousand six hundred (1,600) temporary or part-time employees, when needed,
 27 at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification
 28 and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 29 classification.

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31 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 32 appropriated, to the University of Central Arkansas, to be payable from the
 33 University of Central Arkansas Fund, for personal services and operating
 34 expenses of the University of Central Arkansas for the fiscal year ending
 35 June 30, 2026, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$60,350,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	2,044,575
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	20,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>3,120,729</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$65,535,304</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Central Arkansas, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Central Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$34,746,488
(02) EXTRA HELP	4,000,000
(03) OVERTIME	169,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	32,000,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	50,057,826
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	1,678,916
(C) PROF. FEES	5,703,475
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	38,600,000
(07) DEBT SERVICE	16,500,000
(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>600,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$186,055,705</u>

1 SECTION 5. 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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
7 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
8 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
9 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
10 disbursement of said funds.

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

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21 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
22 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
23 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
24 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
25 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
26 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
27 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
28 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
29 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
30 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
31 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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34 **APPROVED: 4/14/25**
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Two-Year Institutions

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1233

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN
COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN
COLLEGE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026
FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Arkansas Northeastern College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
		Fiscal Year
Item	No. of	2025-2026
No.	Title	Employees
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, ANC	1 \$208,138
(2)	IT Pool	2
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1	Website Developer		\$77,123
2	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7	Media Specialist		\$69,975
8	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10	Computer Operator		\$65,925
11	Network Analyst		\$65,925
12	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3) Executive Vice President	1	\$174,282
19	(4) Chief Academic Officer	1	\$167,057
20	(5) Chief Planning & Assess. Officer	1	\$156,658
21	(6) Chief Student Life Officer	1	\$156,658
22	(7) Vice President for Student Affairs	1	\$156,658
23	(8) Chief Fiscal Officer	1	\$156,658
24	(9) Director of Comm./Cont. Education	1	\$147,950
25	(10) Controller	1	\$135,825
26	(11) Director of Workforce Development	1	\$135,825
27	(12) Director of Human Resources/Services	1	\$132,733
28	(13) Director of Counseling	1	\$132,733
29	(14) Director of Institutional Development	1	\$132,223
30	(15) Industrial Relations Coordinator	1	\$127,530
31	(16) Counselor	9	\$127,508
32	(17) Registrar	1	\$122,249
33	(18) Director of Student Aid	1	\$122,005
34	(19) Director of Planning & Assessment	1	\$120,916
35	(20) Director of Academic Computing	2	\$119,967
36	(21) Director of Administrative Computing	1	\$119,967

1	(22)	Business Manager	1	\$116,136
2	(23)	Director of Off-Campus Operations	1	\$116,136
3	(24)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
4	(25)	Administrator of Grants & Contracts	1	\$105,720
5	(26)	Coord. Information & Comm. Relations	1	\$105,124
6	(27)	Asst. to the President	1	\$104,457
7	(28)	Coordinator of Career Services	1	\$104,457
8	(29)	Special Projects Coordinator	1	\$104,457
9	(30)	Project Coordinator	2	\$95,640
10	(31)	Workforce Specialist	1	\$93,055
11	(32)	Fiscal Support Pool	5	
12		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
13		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
14		Accountant II		\$72,774
15		Accountant I		\$69,975
16		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
17		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
18		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
19		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
20	(33)	Public Safety Pool	7	
21		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
22		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
23		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
24		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
25		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
26		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
27		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
28		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
29		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
30		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
31		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
32		Security Officer		\$47,272
33		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
34		Watchman		\$38,855
35	(34)	Academic Advisor	3	\$86,850
36	(35)	Student Development Specialist	1	\$83,457

1	(36)	Skilled Trades Pool	1	
2		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
3		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
4		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
5		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
6		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
7	(37)	Administrative Support Pool	15	
8		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
9		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
10		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
11		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
12		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
13		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
14		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
15		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
16		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
17	(38)	Library Support Pool	1	
18		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
19		Library Specialist		\$57,515
20		Library Technician		\$53,175
21		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
22	(39)	Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
23	(40)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
24	(41)	Maintenance Technician	1	\$62,208
25	(42)	Human Resources Assistant	1	\$55,302
26	(43)	Maintenance Assistant	9	\$51,130
27	(44)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
28	(45)	Institutional Services Assistant	7	\$42,025
29		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
30		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
31	(46)	IT Pool	1	
32		Network Engineer		\$200,973
33		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
34		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
35		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
36		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571

1	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
2	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
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11	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
12	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
13	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
14	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
15	(47) Division Chairperson	4	\$146,201
16	(48) Division Chairperson/Dean	2	\$146,201
17	(49) Director of Nursing & Allied Health	1	\$144,651
18	(50) Librarian	1	\$132,733
19	(51) Special Instructor	30	\$111,362
20	(52) Coordinator of Learning Assist Center	1	\$93,419
21	(53) Lab Supervisor	1	\$69,399
22	<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
23	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
24	(54) Faculty	57	\$111,362
25	(55) Part-Time Faculty	60	\$56,046
26	<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
27	<u>POSITIONS</u>		
28	(56) Director of Food Service	<u>1</u>	\$105,646
29	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	255	

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31 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
32 the Arkansas Northeastern College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
33 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
34 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five
35 hundred twenty-one (521) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
36 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

1 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 2 classification.

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 4 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 5 appropriated, to the Arkansas Northeastern College, to be payable from the
 6 Arkansas Northeastern College Fund, for personal services and operating
 7 expenses of the Arkansas Northeastern College for the fiscal year ending June
 8 30, 2026, the following:

10 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11 NO.	2025-2026
12 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,700,000
13 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,000,000
14 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	990,939
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
17 (C) PROF. FEES	15,000
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	15,000
19 (E) DATA PROC.	0
20 (04) CONTINGENCY	<u>536,797</u>
21 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,272,736</u>

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 23 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 24 to the Arkansas Northeastern College, to be payable from cash funds as
 25 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating
 26 expenses of the Arkansas Northeastern College for the fiscal year ending June
 27 30, 2026, the following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 NO.	2025-2026
31 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,000,000
32 (02) EXTRA HELP	1,000,000
33 (03) OVERTIME	28,000
34 (04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,500,000
35 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	8,000,000

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	500,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	800,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	6,000,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	4,000,000
6	(07) DEBT SERVICE	1,000,000
7	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
8	INVESTMENTS	400,000
9	(09) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>200,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$26,428,000</u>

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12 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 13 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 14 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 15 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 16 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 17 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
 18 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
 19 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
 20 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
 21 disbursement of said funds.

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

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32 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 33 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 34 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
 36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
2 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
3 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
4 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
5 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
6 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 112

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY - BEEBE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
- BEEBE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026
FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Arkansas State University - Beebe for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor, ASUB	1
(2)	IT Pool	9
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1		Website Developer		\$77,123
2		Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3		Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4		Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5		Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6		Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7		Media Specialist		\$69,975
8		Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9		Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10		Computer Operator		\$65,925
11		Network Analyst		\$65,925
12		Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13		Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14		Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15		Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16		Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3)	Vice Chanc. for Academic Affairs	1	\$167,057
19	(4)	Vice Chanc. for Development	1	\$156,658
20	(5)	Vice Chanc. for Finance & Admin.	1	\$156,658
21	(6)	Vice Chanc. for External & Adv. Prog	1	\$156,658
22	(7)	Vice Chanc. for Student Services	1	\$156,658
23	(8)	Vice Chanc. for Information Technology	1	\$156,658
24	(9)	Director of Campus Operations	3	\$143,678
25	(10)	Director of Human Resources/Services	1	\$132,733
26	(11)	Dir. of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
27	(12)	Counselor	8	\$127,508
28	(13)	Information Systems Manager	1	\$127,407
29	(14)	Registrar	1	\$122,249
30	(15)	Dir. of Public Rel. & Marketing	1	\$122,249
31	(16)	Dir. of Student Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
32	(17)	Dean of Students	1	\$121,485
33	(18)	Project/Program Administrator	28	
34		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
35		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
36		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408

1	(19)	Director of Academic Affairs	1	\$119,967
2	(20)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
3	(21)	Associate Vice Chancellor	3	\$119,881
4	(22)	Director of Distance Learning	1	\$119,881
5	(23)	Business Manager	2	\$117,181
6	(24)	Controller	1	\$117,181
7	(25)	Director of Fiscal Affairs	1	\$117,180
8	(26)	Director of Advancement/Cont. Ed.	1	\$114,976
9	(27)	Director of Continuing Education	1	\$114,976
10	(28)	Director of Student Affairs	1	\$114,976
11	(29)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
12	(30)	Assessment and Planning Coordinator	1	\$111,761
13	(31)	Director of Admissions	1	\$111,453
14	(32)	Coord. of Student Recruitment	2	\$111,362
15	(33)	Industrial Relations Coordinator	1	\$108,068
16	(34)	Administrator of Grants & Contracts	1	\$105,720
17	(35)	Coordinator of Community Relations	1	\$105,124
18	(36)	Job Placement Coordinator	1	\$104,457
19	(37)	Registrar/Coordinator of Admissions	1	\$98,654
20	(38)	Fiscal Support Pool	7	
21		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
22		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
23		Accountant II		\$72,774
24		Accountant I		\$69,975
25		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
26		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
27		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
28		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
29	(39)	Director of Disability Services	1	\$91,268
30	(40)	Public Safety Pool	5	
31		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
32		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
33		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
34		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
35		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
36		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305

1		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
2		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
3		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
4		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
5		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
6		Security Officer		\$47,272
7		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
8		Watchman		\$38,855
9	(41)	Director of Admin. Support Services	1	\$81,473
10	(42)	Benefits Coordinator	1	\$78,713
11	(43)	Skilled Trades Pool	11	
12		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
13		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
14		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
15		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
16		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
17	(44)	Buyer	1	\$69,975
18	(45)	HEI Program Coordinator	3	\$69,975
19	(46)	Public Information Specialist	1	\$69,975
20	(47)	Administrative Support Pool	27	
21		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
22		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
23		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
24		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
25		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
26		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
27		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
28		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
29		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
30	(48)	Financial Aid Analyst	3	\$67,284
31	(49)	Library Support Pool	5	
32		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
33		Library Specialist		\$57,515
34		Library Technician		\$53,175
35		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
36	(50)	Purchasing Specialist	1	\$67,284

1	(51)	Student Accounts Officer	1	\$67,284
2	(52)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
3	(53)	Landscape Supervisor	1	\$62,208
4	(54)	Records Management Analyst	1	\$62,208
5	(55)	Farm Foreman - Institution	1	\$59,815
6	(56)	Purchasing Technician	1	\$59,815
7	(57)	Laboratory Coordinator	1	\$57,515
8	(58)	Equipment Mechanic	1	\$55,302
9	(59)	Laboratory Technician	1	\$55,302
10	(60)	Student Accounts Specialist	3	\$55,302
11	(61)	Maintenance Assistant	4	\$51,130
12	(62)	Shipping & Receiving Clerk	1	\$45,455
13		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
14		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
15	(63)	Faculty	34	
16		Professor/Master Instructor		\$160,132
17		Assoc. Professor/Senior Instructor		\$138,186
18		Asst. Professor/Advanced Instructor		\$120,662
19		Instructor		\$105,434
20	(64)	Dir. of Adv. Tech. and Allied Health	1	\$153,655
21	(65)	Division Chairperson	4	\$146,201
22	(66)	Head Librarian	1	\$132,733
23	(67)	Special Instructor	2	\$111,362
24	(68)	Director of Learning Center	1	\$97,356
25	(69)	Dir. of Resource Center	1	\$97,356
26	(70)	Student Development Specialist	10	\$83,457
27	(71)	Asst. Librarian	1	\$82,663
28		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
29		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
30	(72)	Faculty	78	
31		Professor/Master Instructor		\$119,492
32		Assoc. Professor/Senior Instructor		\$112,659
33		Asst. Professor/Advanced Instructor		\$99,684
34		Instructor		\$86,850
35	(73)	Part-Time Faculty	196	\$68,625
36		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		

POSITIONS

(74)	Project/Program Administrator	2	
	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
(75)	Student Union Night Manager	1	\$64,696
(76)	Special Events Coordinator	<u>1</u>	\$59,815
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	502	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas State University - Beebe for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two hundred twenty-five (225) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Beebe, to be payable from the Arkansas State University - Beebe Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University - Beebe for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,529,884
(02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,097,561
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	170,000

1	(06) CONTINGENCY	<u>722,372</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,169,817</u>

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4 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 5 to the Arkansas State University - Beebe, to be payable from cash funds as
 6 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating
 7 expenses of the Arkansas State University - Beebe for the fiscal year ending
 8 June 30, 2026, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
12	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,750,000
13	(02) EXTRA HELP	783,145
14	(03) OVERTIME	25,000
15	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,600,000
16	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	9,775,000
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	300,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	850,000
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,500,000
21	(E) DATA PROC.	0
22	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	10,950,000
23	(07) DEBT SERVICE	5,000,000
24	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
25	INVESTMENTS	1,500,000
26	(09) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>125,000</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$38,158,145</u>

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29 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 30 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 31 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 32 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 33 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 34 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
 35 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
 36 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and

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

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4 SECTION 6. 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 7. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1226

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY - MOUNTAIN HOME FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
- MOUNTAIN HOME APPROPRIATION FOR THE
2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Arkansas State University - Mountain Home for the 2025-2026 fiscal
year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
2025-2026		
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor, ASUMH	1
(2)	IT Pool	7
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1	Website Developer		\$77,123
2	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7	Media Specialist		\$69,975
8	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10	Computer Operator		\$65,925
11	Network Analyst		\$65,925
12	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3) Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	1	\$167,057
19	(4) Vice Chanc. for Finance & Admin.	1	\$156,658
20	(5) Vice Chan. for Advancement/Development	1	\$156,658
21	(6) Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$156,658
22	(7) Director of Human Resources/Services	1	\$132,733
23	(8) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
24	(9) Counselor	4	\$127,508
25	(10) Dir. Cont. Ed./Business Outreach	1	\$122,249
26	(11) Dir. of Public Relations/Marketing	1	\$122,249
27	(12) Registrar	1	\$122,249
28	(13) Director of Student Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
29	(14) Dean of Students	1	\$121,485
30	(15) Project/Program Administrator	7	
31	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
32	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
33	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
34	(16) Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
35	(17) Controller	1	\$117,181
36	(18) Director of Development	1	\$113,455

1	(19)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
2	(20)	Assistant to the Chancellor	1	\$104,457
3	(21)	Fiscal Support Pool	3	
4		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
5		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
6		Accountant II		\$72,774
7		Accountant I		\$69,975
8		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
9		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
10		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
11		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
12	(22)	Public Safety Pool	2	
13		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
14		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
15		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
16		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
17		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
18		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
19		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
20		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
21		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
22		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
23		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
24		Security Officer		\$47,272
25		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
26		Watchman		\$38,855
27	(23)	Skilled Trades Pool	4	
28		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
29		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
30		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
31		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
32		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
33	(24)	Assistant Director of Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
34	(25)	Administrative Support Pool	12	
35		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
36		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284

1		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
2		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
3		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
4		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
5		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
6		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
7		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
8	(26)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
9	(27)	Library Support Pool	2	
10		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
11		Library Specialist		\$57,515
12		Library Technician		\$53,175
13		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
14	(28)	Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
15	(29)	Financial Aid Specialist	1	\$62,208
16	(30)	Records Management Analyst	1	\$62,208
17	(31)	Payroll Technician	1	\$59,815
18	(32)	Purchasing Technician	1	\$59,815
19	(33)	Admissions Analyst Supervisor	1	\$55,302
20	(34)	Equipment Mechanic	1	\$55,302
21	(35)	Admissions Analyst	1	\$53,175
22	(36)	Maintenance Assistant	1	\$51,130
23	(37)	Institutional Services Shift Supv.	1	\$49,164
24	(38)	Institutional Services Assistant	8	\$42,025
25		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
26		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
27	(39)	Division Chair	3	\$146,201
28	(40)	Faculty	4	\$139,340
29	(41)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
30	(42)	Assistant Librarian	1	\$82,663
31		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
32		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
33	(43)	Faculty	51	\$111,362
34	(44)	Part-Time Faculty	60	\$56,046
35		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	198	
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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas State University - Mountain Home for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: seventy (70) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mountain Home, to be payable from the Arkansas State University - Mountain Home Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University - Mountain Home for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,045,629
(02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	750,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CONTINGENCY	<u>219,781</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,615,410</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mountain Home, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University - Mountain Home for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,500,000
2	(02) EXTRA HELP	715,000
3	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,000,000
4	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000,000
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	110,000
7	(C) PROF. FEES	325,000
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	3,000,000
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,250,000
11	(06) DEBT SERVICE	600,000
12	(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>25,000</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$16,525,000</u>

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15 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 16 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 17 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 18 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 19 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 20 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
 21 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
 22 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
 23 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
 24 disbursement of said funds.

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

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35 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 36 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

1 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
2 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
3 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
4 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
5 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
6 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
7 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
8 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
9 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1248

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY - MID-SOUTH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
- MID-SOUTH APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Arkansas State University - Mid-South for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
2025-2026		
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor, ASUMS	1
(2)	IT Pool	7
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1	Website Developer		\$77,123
2	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7	Media Specialist		\$69,975
8	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10	Computer Operator		\$65,925
11	Network Analyst		\$65,925
12	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3) Vice Chancellor for Administration	1	\$185,738
19	(4) Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	1	\$167,057
20	(5) Vice Chancellor for Finance	1	\$156,658
21	(6) Vice Chancellor for Technical Education	1	\$156,658
22	(7) Vice Chancellor for Student Services	1	\$156,658
23	(8) Chief Information Officer	1	\$155,092
24	(9) Vice Chancellor for Development	1	\$152,095
25	(10) Dir., Occupational and Technical Ed.	1	\$135,825
26	(11) Director of Human Resources/Services	1	\$132,733
27	(12) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
28	(13) Director of Admin. Services	1	\$130,825
29	(14) Dir. of Workforce Development	1	\$129,825
30	(15) Counselor	4	\$127,508
31	(16) Director of Learning Center	1	\$127,508
32	(17) Controller	1	\$126,830
33	(18) Dir. of PR & Marketing	1	\$122,249
34	(19) Registrar	1	\$122,249
35	(20) Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
36	(21) Dean of Students	1	\$121,485

1	(22)	Project/Program Administrator	1	
2		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
3		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
4		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
5	(23)	Dir. of Planning & Assessment	1	\$120,919
6	(24)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
7	(25)	Business Manager	1	\$117,181
8	(26)	Director of Development	1	\$113,455
9	(27)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
10	(28)	Dir. of Sys Prog. & Database Svcs.	1	\$111,761
11	(29)	Director of Enrollment Management	1	\$111,453
12	(30)	Dir. of Pub. & Creative Svcs.	1	\$111,107
13	(31)	Coordinator for Student Recruitment	1	\$108,118
14	(32)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$108,118
15	(33)	Coord., Information & Community Rel.	1	\$106,757
16	(34)	Administrator of Grants & Contracts	1	\$105,720
17	(35)	Dir. Environ., Health & Safety Prog.	1	\$105,037
18	(36)	Coordinator of Career Services	1	\$104,457
19	(37)	Assistant Director	2	\$104,432
20	(38)	Director of Student Activities	1	\$103,585
21	(39)	Assistant to the President	1	\$100,487
22	(40)	Workforce Specialist	2	\$93,055
23	(41)	Director of Disability Services	1	\$92,927
24	(42)	Fiscal Support Pool	10	
25		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
26		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
27		Accountant II		\$72,774
28		Accountant I		\$69,975
29		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
30		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
31		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
32		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
33	(43)	Maintenance Manager	2	\$85,136
34	(44)	Budget Analyst	1	\$78,713
35	(45)	Human Resources Analyst	1	\$72,774
36	(46)	Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$72,774

1	(47)	ASU Payroll Services Manager	1	\$69,975
2	(48)	Administrative Support Pool	10	
3		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
4		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
5		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
6		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
7		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
8		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
9		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
10		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
11		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
12	(49)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
13	(50)	Financial Aid Analyst	2	\$67,284
14	(51)	Library Support Pool	1	
15		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
16		Library Specialist		\$57,515
17		Library Technician		\$53,175
18		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
19	(52)	Purchasing Specialist	1	\$67,284
20	(53)	Financial Aid Specialist	1	\$62,208
21	(54)	Human Resources Specialist	2	\$62,208
22	(55)	Maintenance Technician	1	\$62,208
23	(56)	Maintenance Specialist	3	\$59,815
24	(57)	Equipment Mechanic	2	\$55,302
25	(58)	Landscape Specialist	2	\$55,302
26	(59)	Warehouse Specialist	1	\$55,302
27	(60)	Maintenance Assistant	2	\$51,130
28		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
29		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
30	(61)	Faculty	25	
31		Professor/Master Instructor		\$160,132
32		Assoc. Professor/Senior Instructor		\$138,186
33		Asst. Professor/Advanced Instructor		\$120,662
34		Instructor		\$105,434
35	(62)	Division Chairperson	7	\$146,201
36	(63)	Librarian	1	\$132,733

1	(64)	Director of Allied Health	1	\$128,588
2	(65)	Director of Adult Education	1	\$127,510
3	(66)	Instructor - Nursing/Resp. Therapy	3	\$120,305
4	(67)	University Center Media Specialist	1	\$88,669
5	(68)	Special Instructor/Trainer	7	\$84,321
6		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
7		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
8	(69)	Faculty	52	
9		Professor/Master Instructor		\$119,492
10		Assoc. Professor/Senior Instructor		\$112,659
11		Asst. Professor/Advanced Instructor		\$99,684
12		Instructor		\$86,850
13	(70)	Part-Time Faculty	100	\$56,046
14		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
15		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
16	(71)	Director of Food Services	1	\$105,646
17	(72)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	3	
18		Coach		\$104,891
19		Asst. Coach		\$56,046
20		Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
21	(73)	Food Service Pool	1	
22		Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
23		Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
24		Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
25		Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
26		Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
27		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	300	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas State University - Mid-South for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two hundred (200) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mid-South, to be payable from the Arkansas State University Mid-South Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University - Mid-South for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	310,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,100,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	838,903
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CONTINGENCY	<u>312,445</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,561,348</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mid-South, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University - Mid-South for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	600,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,500,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	300,000
(C) PROF. FEES	1,500,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,000,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	5,000,000
3	(06) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	100,000
4	(07) SUBAWARDEE GRANTS AND AID	<u>1,500,000</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,000,000</u></u>

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7 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS. There is

8 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mid-South, to be

9 payable from the Arkansas State University Mid-South Fund, for personal

10 services, operating expenses, equipment and grants to Arkansas Delta Training

11 and Education Consortium (ADTEC) Partners and University Center Partners for

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

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16	(01) ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS	<u><u>\$1,633,890</u></u>

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18 SECTION 6. ALLOCATIONS - ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS. There is

19 hereby allocated to the Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium

20 (ADTEC) Partners and University Center Partners the following amounts of the

21 funds appropriated in the ADTEC/University Center Partners Appropriation of

22 this Act, there to be used as provided by in this Act, for the period ending

23 June 30, 2026, the following:

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25		MAXIMUM ALLOCATION
26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28	(1) ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE	\$171,103
29	(2) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT	171,103
30	(3) UNIV. OF ARK. EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE	223,924
31	(4) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MID-SOUTH	436,878
32	(5) PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UA	197,930
33	(6) ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - JONESBORO	335,312
34	(7) UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT FORT SMITH	<u>97,640</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED	<u><u>\$1,633,890</u></u>

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1 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
3 ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS - TRAINING CONSORTIUM ADVICE. The Arkansas
4 State University Mid-South upon counsel with and advice from the Arkansas
5 Delta Training and Education Consortium (ADTEC) shall disburse funds from the
6 ADTEC/UNIVERSITY CENTER PARTNERS appropriation authorized in this Act to
7 selected University Center Partners and also the participating ADTEC
8 Partners.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
10 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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12 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
13 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
14 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
15 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
16 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
17 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
18 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
19 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
20 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
21 disbursement of said funds.

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

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32 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
33 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
34 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
2 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
3 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
4 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
5 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
6 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 113

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
- NEWPORT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026
FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Arkansas State University - Newport for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
		Fiscal Year
Item	No. of	2025-2026
No.	Title	Employees
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor, ASUN	1 \$208,138
(2)	IT Pool	6
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
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17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1		Website Developer		\$77,123
2		Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3		Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4		Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5		Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6		Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7		Media Specialist		\$69,975
8		Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9		Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10		Computer Operator		\$65,925
11		Network Analyst		\$65,925
12		Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13		Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14		Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15		Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16		Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3)	Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	1	\$167,057
19	(4)	Vice Chanc., ASUN Jonesboro Campus	1	\$158,536
20	(5)	Vice Chanc., ASUN Marked Tree Campus	1	\$158,536
21	(6)	Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs	1	\$156,658
22	(7)	Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$156,658
23	(8)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
24	(9)	Director of Human Resources	1	\$132,733
25	(10)	Dean	2	\$132,733
26	(11)	Director of Institutional Devel.	1	\$132,223
27	(12)	Counselor	2	\$127,508
28	(13)	Director of Admissions/Registrar	1	\$122,249
29	(14)	Dir. of Cont. Ed./Business Outreach	1	\$122,249
30	(15)	Director of Student Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
31	(16)	Project/Program Administrator	14	
32		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
33		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
34		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
35	(17)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
36	(18)	Controller	1	\$117,181

1	(19)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
2	(20)	Director	5	\$107,674
3	(21)	Assistant to the Chancellor	1	\$104,457
4	(22)	Dir. of Public Info. & Comm. Rel.	1	\$101,257
5	(23)	Fiscal Support Pool	6	
6		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
7		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
8		Accountant II		\$72,774
9		Accountant I		\$69,975
10		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
11		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
12		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
13		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
14	(24)	Assoc. Dir. of Fin. Aid & Student Affairs	1	\$91,407
15	(25)	Public Safety Pool	4	
16		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
17		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
18		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
19		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
20		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
21		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
22		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
23		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
24		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
25		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
26		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
27		Security Officer		\$47,272
28		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
29		Watchman		\$38,855
30	(26)	Skilled Trades Pool	6	
31		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
32		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
33		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
34		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
35		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
36	(27)	Administrative Support Pool	16	

1		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
2		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
3		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
4		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
5		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
6		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
7		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
8		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
9		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
10	(28)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
11	(29)	Financial Aid Analyst	1	\$67,284
12	(30)	Library Support Pool	2	
13		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
14		Library Specialist		\$57,515
15		Library Technician		\$53,175
16		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
17	(31)	Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
18	(32)	Financial Aid Specialist	2	\$62,208
19	(33)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
20	(34)	Landscape Supervisor	1	\$62,208
21	(35)	Maintenance Technician	1	\$62,208
22	(36)	Maintenance Specialist	2	\$59,815
23	(37)	Payroll Technician	1	\$59,815
24	(38)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$55,302
25	(39)	Maintenance Assistant	3	\$51,130
26	(40)	Institutional Services Assistant	9	\$42,025
27		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
28		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
29	(41)	Division Chair	3	\$146,201
30	(42)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
31	(43)	Director - Technical Programs	3	\$120,305
32	(44)	Special Instructor	21	\$111,362
33	(45)	Student Development Specialist	1	\$83,457
34		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
35		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
36	(46)	Faculty	75	

1	Professor/Master Instructor		\$119,492
2	Assoc. Professor/Senior Instructor		\$112,659
3	Asst. Professor/Advanced Instructor		\$99,684
4	Instructor		\$86,850
5	(47) Part-Time Faculty	125	\$68,625
6	<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
7	<u>POSITIONS</u>		
8	(48) Athletic Director	1	\$120,919
9	(49) Project/Program Administrator	2	
10	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
11	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
12	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
13	(50) Director of Bookstore Operations	1	\$107,674
14	(51) Director of Food Service	1	\$105,646
15	(52) Athletic Administration & Support Pool	1	
16	Coach		\$104,891
17	Asst. Coach		\$56,046
18	Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
19	(53) Food Service Pool	1	
20	Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
21	Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
22	Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
23	Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
24	Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
25	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	341	

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27 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 28 the Arkansas State University - Newport for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
 29 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 30 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:
 31 sixty (60) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not
 32 to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act,
 33 or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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35 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 36 appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Newport, to be payable from

the Arkansas State University - Newport Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University - Newport for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,500,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,000,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,169,298
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	100,000
(06) CONTINGENCY	<u>393,465</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,262,763</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Newport, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University - Newport for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,800,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	400,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,000,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,250,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	250,000
(C) PROF. FEES	800,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	15,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	4,000,000
2	(06) DEBT SERVICE	1,000,000
3	(07) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
4	INVESTMENTS	20,000
5	(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>90,000</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$35,610,000</u>

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8 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

9 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

10 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

11 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction

14 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where

15 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and

16 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in

17 disbursement of said funds.

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19 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

20 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

21 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

22 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

23 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

24 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

25 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

26 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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28 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General

29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

30 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of

32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

33 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

34 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm

35 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

36 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

1 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
2 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 114

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE
UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
THREE RIVERS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Arkansas State University Three Rivers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor, ASUTR	1
(2)	IT Pool	8
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1	Website Developer		\$77,123
2	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7	Media Specialist		\$69,975
8	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10	Computer Operator		\$65,925
11	Network Analyst		\$65,925
12	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3) Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	1	\$167,057
19	(4) Vice Chanc. for Finance & Admin.	1	\$156,658
20	(5) Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$156,658
21	(6) Director of Human Resources/Services	1	\$132,733
22	(7) Registrar	1	\$122,249
23	(8) Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
24	(9) Director of Planning & Assessment	1	\$120,919
25	(10) Project/Program Administrator	4	
26	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
27	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
28	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
29	(11) Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
30	(12) Controller	1	\$117,181
31	(13) Director of Fiscal Affairs	1	\$117,180
32	(14) Director of Development	1	\$113,455
33	(15) Director of Student Retention	1	\$111,362
34	(16) Director of Physical Plant	1	\$109,808
35	(17) Assistant to the Chancellor	1	\$104,457
36	(18) Fiscal Support Pool	5	

1	Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
2	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
3	Accountant II		\$72,774
4	Accountant I		\$69,975
5	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
6	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
7	Accounting Technician		\$55,302
8	Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
9	(19) Public Safety Pool	2	
10	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
11	Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
12	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
13	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
14	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
15	Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
16	Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
17	Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
18	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
19	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
20	Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
21	Security Officer		\$47,272
22	Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
23	Watchman		\$38,855
24	(20) Maintenance Manager	1	\$85,136
25	(21) Education Counselor	1	\$81,860
26	(22) Skilled Trades Pool	5	
27	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
28	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
29	Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
30	Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
31	Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
32	(23) Asst. Dir. of Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
33	(24) Grants Analyst	1	\$72,774
34	(25) HEI Program Coordinator	1	\$69,975
35	(26) Public Information Specialist	1	\$69,975
36	(27) Student Applications Specialist	1	\$69,975

1	(28)	Administrative Support Pool	16	
2		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
3		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
4		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
5		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
6		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
7		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
8		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
9		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
10		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
11	(29)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
12	(30)	Financial Aid Analyst	1	\$67,284
13	(31)	Library Support Pool	2	
14		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
15		Library Specialist		\$57,515
16		Library Technician		\$53,175
17		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
18	(32)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
19	(33)	Financial Aid Specialist	1	\$62,208
20	(34)	Maintenance Technician	1	\$62,208
21	(35)	Maintenance Specialist	1	\$59,815
22	(36)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
23	(37)	Institutional Services Assistant	7	\$42,025
24		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
25		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
26	(38)	Division Chairperson	2	\$146,201
27	(39)	Dean	1	\$144,650
28	(40)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
29	(41)	Dean of Learning	1	\$129,825
30	(42)	Dean of Workforce Development	1	\$129,825
31	(43)	Director of Career Center	2	\$127,510
32	(44)	Director of Concurrent Enrollment	1	\$127,510
33	(45)	Director of Adult Education	1	\$127,510
34	(46)	Instructor - Nursing/Resp. Therapy	12	\$120,305
35	(47)	Assistant Director	1	\$120,305
36		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		

1		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
2	(48)	Faculty	52	\$111,362
3	(49)	Part-Time Faculty	96	\$56,046
4		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
5		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
6	(50)	Project/Program Administrator	2	
7		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
8		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
9		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
10	(51)	Director of Food Service	1	\$105,646
11	(52)	Campus Store Manager	1	\$104,892
12	(53)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	4	
13		Coach		\$104,891
14		Asst. Coach		\$56,046
15		Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
16	(54)	Food Service Pool	1	
17		Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
18		Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
19		Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
20		Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
21		Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
22	(55)	Resident Hall Specialist	1	\$57,515
23	(56)	Bookstore Office Manager	1	\$55,302
24	(57)	Retail Specialist	<u>1</u>	\$53,175
25		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	261	

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27 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 28 the Arkansas State University Three Rivers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
 29 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 30 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:
 31 sixty (60) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not
 32 to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act,
 33 or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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35 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 36 appropriated, to the Arkansas State University Three Rivers, to be payable

from the Arkansas State University Three Rivers Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University Three Rivers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,900,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	799,431
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	804,500
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>225,197</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,729,128</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University Three Rivers, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas State University Three Rivers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,000,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	686,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,400,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,000,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	130,000
(C) PROF. FEES	500,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	13,380,000
(06) DEBT SERVICE	750,000

1	(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	40,000
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,886,000</u>

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4 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

5 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

6 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

7 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

8 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

9 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction

10 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where

11 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and

12 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in

13 disbursement of said funds.

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15 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

16 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

17 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

18 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

19 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

20 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

21 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

22 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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24 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General

25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

26 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of

28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

29 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

30 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm

31 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

32 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

33 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

34 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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36 APPROVED: 2/13/25

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1225

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL
COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL
COLLEGE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026
FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Black River Technical College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, BRTC	1
(2)	IT Pool	5
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1	Website Developer		\$77,123
2	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7	Media Specialist		\$69,975
8	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10	Computer Operator		\$65,925
11	Network Analyst		\$65,925
12	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3) Vice President for Academic Affairs	1	\$167,057
19	(4) Vice President for Student Affairs	1	\$156,658
20	(5) Vice President of Finance & Administration	1	\$156,658
21	(6) Vice President of Institutional Advancement	1	\$156,657
22	(7) Director of Human Resources	1	\$132,733
23	(8) Academic/Student Support	4	
24	Counselor		\$127,508
25	Academic Counselor		\$94,342
26	Student Development Specialist		\$83,457
27	(9) Coord. of Cont. Ed. & Bus. Outreach	1	\$122,249
28	(10) Director of Law Enforcement Training	1	\$122,249
29	(11) Registrar	1	\$122,249
30	(12) Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,006
31	(13) Default Management Coordinator	1	\$122,005
32	(14) Dean of Students	1	\$121,484
33	(15) Project/Program Administrator Pool	8	
34	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
35	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
36	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408

1	(16)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
2	(17)	Director of Off-Campus Operations	1	\$119,881
3	(18)	Controller	1	\$117,181
4	(19)	Director of Student Affairs	1	\$114,976
5	(20)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
6	(21)	Director of Admissions	1	\$111,453
7	(22)	Institutional Research Coordinator	1	\$111,362
8	(23)	Associate Registrar	1	\$106,166
9	(24)	Assistant Director	1	\$104,432
10	(25)	Fiscal Support Pool	5	
11		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
12		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
13		Accountant II		\$72,774
14		Accountant I		\$69,975
15		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
16		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
17		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
18		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
19	(26)	Public Safety Pool	5	
20		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
21		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
22		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
23		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
24		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
25		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
26		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
27		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
28		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
29		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
30		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
31		Security Officer		\$47,272
32		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
33		Watchman		\$38,855
34	(27)	Admissions Counselor	1	\$77,184
35	(28)	Academic Advisor	1	\$77,183
36	(29)	Skilled Trades Pool	5	

1		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
2		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
3		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
4		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
5		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
6	(30)	HEI Program Coordinator	2	\$69,975
7	(31)	Administrative Support Pool	14	
8		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
9		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
10		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
11		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
12		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
13		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
14		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
15		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
16		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
17	(32)	Bookstore Manager	1	\$67,284
18	(33)	Financial Aid Analyst	2	\$67,284
19	(34)	Library Support Pool	1	
20		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
21		Library Specialist		\$57,515
22		Library Technician		\$53,175
23		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
24	(35)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
25	(36)	Purchasing Specialist	1	\$67,284
26	(37)	Bookstore Office Manager	1	\$55,302
27	(38)	Human Resources Assistant	1	\$55,302
28	(39)	Cashier	2	\$51,130
29	(40)	Maintenance Assistant	6	\$51,130
30		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
31		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
32	(41)	Director of Distance Education	1	\$146,201
33	(42)	Division Chairperson	4	\$146,201
34	(43)	Faculty	3	\$139,340
35	(44)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
36	(45)	Director of Adult Education	1	\$127,510

1	(46)	Director of Nursing	1	\$120,305
2	(47)	Director of Respiratory Care	2	\$120,305
3	(48)	Inst./Coord. Nursing & Allied Health	1	\$120,305
4	(49)	Instructor - Nursing/Resp. Therapy	15	\$120,305
5		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
6		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
7	(50)	Faculty	47	\$111,362
8	(51)	Part-Time Faculty	55	\$56,046
9		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
10		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
11	(52)	Food Service Pool	4	
12		Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
13		Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
14		Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
15		Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
16		Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
17		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	222	

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19 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
20 the Black River Technical College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
21 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
22 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:
23 seventy-five (75) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of
24 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
25 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
26 classification.

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28 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
29 appropriated, to the Black River Technical College, to be payable from the
30 Black River Technical College Fund, for personal services and operating
31 expenses of the Black River Technical College for the fiscal year ending June
32 30, 2026, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
36	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,200,000

1	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,245,209
2	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	986,862
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>471,604</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$9,903,675</u>

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11 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 12 to the Black River Technical College, to be payable from cash funds as
 13 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating
 14 expenses of the Black River Technical College for the fiscal year ending June
 15 30, 2026, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
19	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$12,000,000
20	(02) EXTRA HELP	1,000,000
21	(03) OVERTIME	10,000
22	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,000,000
23	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	9,000,000
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	250,000
26	(C) PROF. FEES	3,000,000
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	6,500,000
28	(E) DATA PROC.	0
29	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	6,200,000
30	(07) DEBT SERVICE	705,000
31	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
32	INVESTMENTS	179,800
33	(09) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>80,000</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$42,924,800</u>

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36 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

ACADEMY BARRACKS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Black River Technical College, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for construction, construction fees, and equipping a Law Enforcement Training Academy Barracks of the Black River Technical College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) CONSTRUCTION, CONSTRUCTION FEES, AND EQUIPPING A LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY BARRACKS	<u>\$4,600,000</u>

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

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

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1247

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE COSSATOT COMMUNITY
COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas for the
2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year	
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Chancellor	1	\$208,138
(2)	IT Pool	4	
	Network Engineer		\$200,973



1	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994
2	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
3	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
4	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
5	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
6	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
7	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
8	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
9	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
10	Database Administrator	\$106,607
11	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
12	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
13	Institution Information Technology Coord	\$101,489
14	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
15	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
16	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
17	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
18	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
19	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
20	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
21	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
22	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
23	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
24	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
25	Security Analyst	\$90,223
26	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
27	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
28	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
29	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
30	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
31	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
32	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
33	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
34	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
35	Database Analyst	\$80,208
36	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123

1	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
2	Website Developer		\$77,123
3	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
4	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
5	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
6	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
7	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
8	Media Specialist		\$69,975
9	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
10	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
11	Computer Operator		\$65,925
12	Network Analyst		\$65,925
13	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
14	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
15	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
16	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
17	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
18	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
19	(3) Vice Chancellor	1	\$167,058
20	(4) Provost	1	\$167,057
21	(5) Vice Chancellor for Finance	1	\$156,658
22	(6) Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$156,658
23	(7) Director of Human Resources	1	\$132,733
24	(8) Director of Workforce Development	1	\$129,825
25	(9) Coord. of Cont. Educ. & Business Outreach	1	\$122,249
26	(10) Registrar	1	\$122,249
27	(11) Dir. of Public Relations & Marketing	1	\$122,249
28	(12) Program Manager	1	\$122,249
29	(13) Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
30	(14) Project/Program Administrator	2	
31	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
32	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
33	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
34	(15) Director of Off-Campus Operations	1	\$119,881
35	(16) Institutional Research Coordinator	1	\$111,362
36	(17) Fiscal Support Pool	3	

1	Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
2	Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
3	Accountant II		\$72,774
4	Accountant I		\$69,975
5	Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
6	Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
7	Accounting Technician		\$55,302
8	Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
9	(18) Public Safety Pool	3	
10	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
11	Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
12	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
13	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
14	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
15	Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
16	Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
17	Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
18	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
19	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
20	Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
21	Security Officer		\$47,272
22	Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
23	Watchman		\$38,855
24	(19) Academic Advisor	5	\$86,850
25	(20) Assessment Coordinator	1	\$86,850
26	(21) Coordinator of Admissions	1	\$86,850
27	(22) Coord. of Info. & Comm. Relations	1	\$86,850
28	(23) Academic Tutor	2	\$77,184
29	(24) Skilled Trades Pool	2	
30	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
31	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
32	Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
33	Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
34	Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
35	(25) Administrative Support Pool	13	
36	Administrative Assistant		\$67,284

1		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
2		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
3		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
4		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
5		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
6		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
7		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
8		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
9	(26)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
10	(27)	Financial Aid Analyst	1	\$67,284
11	(28)	Library Support Pool	1	
12		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
13		Library Specialist		\$57,515
14		Library Technician		\$53,175
15		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
16	(29)	Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
17	(30)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
18	(31)	Purchasing Specialist	1	\$67,284
19	(32)	Student Accounts Officer	1	\$67,284
20	(33)	Financial Aid Specialist	3	\$62,208
21	(34)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
22	(35)	Cashier	1	\$51,130
23	(36)	Maintenance Assistant	3	\$51,130
24	(37)	Institutional Services Assistant	8	\$42,025
25		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
26		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
27	(38)	Division Chairperson	4	\$146,201
28	(39)	Director of Nursing	1	\$144,651
29	(40)	Faculty	16	\$139,340
30	(41)	Instructor - Nursing & Allied Health	4	\$120,305
31	(42)	Learning Center Coordinator	1	\$93,419
32	(43)	Special Instructor/Trainer	5	\$84,321
33		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
34		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
35	(44)	Faculty	31	\$111,362
36	(45)	Part-Time Faculty	60	\$56,046

TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISESPOSITIONS

(46)	Athletic Director	1	\$120,919
(47)	Director of Food Service	1	\$105,646
(48)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	3	
	Coach		\$104,891
	Asst. Coach		\$56,046
	Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
(49)	Food Service Pool	3	
	Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
	Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
	Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
	Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
	Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	204	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred (100) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,273,500
(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000

1	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	905,000
2	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	872,170
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,000
5	(C) PROF. FEES	0
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(05) CONTINGENCY	<u>255,033</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$5,355,703</u>

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11 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 12 to the Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas, to be
 13 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal
 14 services and operating expenses of the Cossatot Community College of the
 15 University of Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 16 following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,777,500
21	(02) EXTRA HELP	325,000
22	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,575,000
23	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,425,000
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	288,750
26	(C) PROF. FEES	300,000
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,000,000
28	(E) DATA PROC.	0
29	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	500,000
30	(06) DEBT SERVICE	700,000
31	(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>50,000</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,941,250</u>

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34 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 35 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 36 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

1 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
2 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
3 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
4 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
5 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
6 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
7 disbursement of said funds.

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

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18 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
19 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
20 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
23 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
24 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
25 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
26 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
27 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
28 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1230

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE NORTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE NORTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the North Arkansas College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, NAC	1
(2)	IT Pool	11
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1	Website Developer		\$77,123
2	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7	Media Specialist		\$69,975
8	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10	Computer Operator		\$65,925
11	Network Analyst		\$65,925
12	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3) Chief Academic Officer	1	\$167,057
19	(4) Chief Fiscal Officer	1	\$156,658
20	(5) Chief Planning & Development Officer	1	\$156,658
21	(6) Chief Student Life Officer	1	\$156,658
22	(7) Director Human Resources	1	\$132,733
23	(8) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
24	(9) Counselor	1	\$127,508
25	(10) Controller	1	\$126,830
26	(11) Dir. Public Relations and Marketing	1	\$122,249
27	(12) Registrar	1	\$122,249
28	(13) Director of Student Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
29	(14) Project/Program Administrator	5	
30	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
31	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
32	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
33	(15) Director of Administrative Computing	1	\$119,967
34	(16) Dir. of Occupational & Tech. Educ.	1	\$119,881
35	(17) Business Manager	1	\$117,181
36	(18) Director of Student Affairs	1	\$114,976

1	(19)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
2	(20)	Assistant to the President	1	\$104,457
3	(21)	Fiscal Support Pool	7	
4		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
5		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
6		Accountant II		\$72,774
7		Accountant I		\$69,975
8		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
9		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
10		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
11		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
12	(22)	Public Safety Pool	2	
13		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
14		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
15		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
16		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
17		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
18		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
19		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
20		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
21		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
22		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
23		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
24		Security Officer		\$47,272
25		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
26		Watchman		\$38,855
27	(23)	Procurement Coordinator	1	\$78,713
28	(24)	Benefits Coordinator	1	\$78,713
29	(25)	Academic Advisor	4	\$77,184
30	(26)	Executive Assistant to the Director	1	\$75,685
31	(27)	Skilled Trades Pool	3	
32		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
33		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
34		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
35		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
36		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319

1	(28)	Assistant Director of Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
2	(29)	HEI Program Coordinator	3	\$69,975
3	(30)	Student Applications Specialist	2	\$69,975
4	(31)	Construction/Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$69,975
5	(32)	Building and Grounds Coordinator	1	\$69,975
6	(33)	Administrative Support Pool	11	
7		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
8		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
9		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
10		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
11		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
12		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
13		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
14		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
15		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
16	(34)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
17	(35)	Financial Aid Analyst	2	\$67,284
18	(36)	Library Support Pool	2	
19		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
20		Library Specialist		\$57,515
21		Library Technician		\$53,175
22		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
23	(37)	Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
24	(38)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
25	(39)	Student Accounts Officer	1	\$67,284
26	(40)	Maintenance Technician	2	\$62,208
27	(41)	Landscape Supervisor	1	\$62,208
28	(42)	Purchasing Technician	1	\$59,815
29	(43)	Maintenance Assistant	1	\$51,130
30	(44)	Institutional Services Shift Supervisor	1	\$49,164
31	(45)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
32	(46)	Institutional Services Assistant	6	\$42,025
33		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
34		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
35	(47)	Division Chairperson	5	\$146,201
36	(48)	Director Learning Center	1	\$125,473

1	(49)	Project/Program Administrator	1	
2		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
3		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
4		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
5	(50)	Special Instructor	2	\$111,362
6	(51)	Assistant Librarian	1	\$82,663
7		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
8		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
9	(52)	Project/Program Administrator	1	
10		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
11		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
12		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
13	(53)	Faculty	67	\$111,362
14	(54)	Clinical Instructor	1	\$79,618
15	(55)	Part-Time Faculty	200	\$56,046
16		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
17		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
18	(56)	Campus Store Director	1	\$120,919
19	(57)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	4	
20		Coach		\$104,891
21		Asst. Coach		\$56,046
22		Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
23	(58)	Food Service Pool	2	
24		Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
25		Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
26		Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
27		Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
28		Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
29	(59)	Residential Life Coordinator	1	\$57,868
30	(60)	Bookstore Office Manager	<u>1</u>	\$55,302
31		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	381	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the North Arkansas College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five

hundred (500) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the North Arkansas College, to be payable from the North Arkansas College Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the North Arkansas College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,018,087
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,200,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	601,391
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>440,974</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,260,452</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the North Arkansas College, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the North Arkansas College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,750,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	886,000
(03) OVERTIME	40,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,426,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,250,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	390,000
3	(C) PROF. FEES	575,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,950,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	11,200,000
7	(07) DEBT SERVICE	2,250,000
8	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
9	INVESTMENTS	5,723,000
10	(09) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>50,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$37,490,000</u>

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13 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 14 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 15 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 16 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 17 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 18 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
 19 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
 20 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
 21 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
 22 disbursement of said funds.

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24 SECTION 6. 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 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1249

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the National Park College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, NPC	1
(2)	IT Pool	15
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
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19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
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28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
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31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1		Website Developer		\$77,123
2		Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3		Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4		Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5		Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6		Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7		Media Specialist		\$69,975
8		Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9		Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10		Computer Operator		\$65,925
11		Network Analyst		\$65,925
12		Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13		Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14		Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15		Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16		Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3)	Chief Academic Officer	1	\$167,057
19	(4)	Chief of External and Adv. Programs	1	\$156,658
20	(5)	Chief Fiscal Officer	1	\$156,658
21	(6)	Chief Information Officer	1	\$156,658
22	(7)	Chief Workforce Development Officer	1	\$156,658
23	(8)	Chief Student Life Officer	1	\$156,658
24	(9)	Director of Human Resources	1	\$132,733
25	(10)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
26	(11)	Counselor	2	\$127,508
27	(12)	Director of Marketing and Public Relations	1	\$122,249
28	(13)	Registrar	1	\$122,249
29	(14)	Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,153
30	(15)	Dean of Students	1	\$121,485
31	(16)	Director of Major Gifts	1	\$121,402
32	(17)	Project/Program Administrator	20	
33		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
34		Project/Program Manager		\$101,255
35		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
36	(18)	Business Manager	1	\$117,181

1	(19)	Controller	1	\$117,181
2	(20)	Director of Development	1	\$113,455
3	(21)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
4	(22)	Assistant to the President	1	\$104,457
5	(23)	Workforce Specialist	2	\$93,055
6	(24)	Fiscal Support Pool	7	
7		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
8		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
9		Accountant II		\$72,774
10		Accountant I		\$69,975
11		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
12		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
13		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
14		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
15	(25)	Accounting Coordinator	1	\$85,136
16	(26)	Maintenance Manager	1	\$85,136
17	(27)	Benefits Coordinator	1	\$78,713
18	(28)	Grants Coordinator	1	\$78,713
19	(29)	Payroll Services Coordinator	1	\$78,713
20	(30)	Academic Advisor	4	\$78,705
21	(31)	Academic Tutor	1	\$77,184
22	(32)	Student Service Representative	14	\$77,184
23	(33)	Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$72,774
24	(34)	HEI Program Coordinator	6	\$69,975
25	(35)	Administrative Support Pool	10	
26		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
27		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
28		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
29		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
30		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
31		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
32		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
33		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
34		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
35	(36)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
36	(37)	Financial Aid Analyst	4	\$67,284

1	(38)	Library Support Pool	2	
2		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
3		Library Specialist		\$57,515
4		Library Technician		\$53,175
5		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
6	(39)	Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
7	(40)	Purchasing Specialist	1	\$67,284
8	(41)	Student Recruitment Specialist	1	\$62,208
9	(42)	Maintenance Specialist	3	\$59,815
10	(43)	Maintenance Assistant	5	\$51,130
11	(44)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
12	(45)	Institutional Services Assistant	11	\$42,025
13		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
14		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
15	(46)	Division Chairperson	3	\$146,201
16	(47)	Division Chairperson/Dean	3	\$146,201
17	(48)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
18	(49)	Director of Adult Education	1	\$127,510
19	(50)	Assistant Librarian	2	\$81,202
20	(51)	Lab Supervisor	3	\$68,172
21		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
22		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
23	(52)	Faculty	115	\$111,362
24	(53)	Part-Time Faculty	110	\$56,046
25		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
26		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
27	(54)	Athletic Director	1	\$120,919
28	(55)	Campus Store Manager	1	\$104,892
29	(56)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	1	
30		Coach		\$104,891
31		Asst. Coach		\$56,046
32		Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
33	(57)	Retail Specialist	<u>3</u>	\$53,175
34		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	380	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for

the National Park College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: four hundred two (402) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the National Park College, to be payable from the National Park College Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the National Park College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$8,796,704
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,300,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,350,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	26,175
(05) CONTINGENCY	<u>573,644</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$12,046,523</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the National Park College, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the National Park College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,100,000
2	(02) EXTRA HELP	1,000,000
3	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,250,000
4	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,020,000
6	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	150,000
7	(C) PROF. FEES	400,000
8	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	7,300,000
9	(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(05) DEBT SERVICE	<u>2,200,000</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$21,420,000</u>

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13 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 14 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 15 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 16 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 17 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 18 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
 19 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
 20 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
 21 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
 22 disbursement of said funds.

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24 SECTION 6. 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 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1228

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPROPRIATION FOR THE
2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Northwest Arkansas Community College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, NWACC	1
(2)	IT Pool	27
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1	Website Developer		\$77,123
2	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7	Media Specialist		\$69,975
8	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10	Computer Operator		\$65,925
11	Network Analyst		\$65,925
12	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3) Executive Vice President	2	\$174,282
19	(4) Chief Academic Officer	1	\$167,057
20	(5) Chief of External & Adv. Programs	1	\$156,658
21	(6) Chief Information Officer	1	\$156,658
22	(7) Director of College Relations	1	\$156,658
23	(8) Chief Fiscal Officer	1	\$156,658
24	(9) Chief Planning & Assessment Officer	1	\$156,658
25	(10) Chief Student Affairs Officer	1	\$156,658
26	(11) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
27	(12) Dir. of Community & Govt. Relations	1	\$132,733
28	(13) Dir. of Fac. Planning & Construction	1	\$132,733
29	(14) Director of Human Resources	1	\$132,733
30	(15) Director of Administrative Services	1	\$130,825
31	(16) Dean of Workforce Development	1	\$129,825
32	(17) Counselor	11	\$127,508
33	(18) Director	2	\$127,507
34	(19) Coord. of Cont. Ed. & Bus. Outreach	1	\$122,249
35	(20) Dir. of Public Relations & Marketing	1	\$122,249
36	(21) Registrar	1	\$122,249

1	(22)	Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
2	(23)	Dean of Students	1	\$121,484
3	(24)	Director of Major Gifts	1	\$121,402
4	(25)	Director of Planning & Assessment	1	\$120,919
5	(26)	Project/Program Administrator	37	
6		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
7		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
8		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
9	(27)	Director of Academic Computing	1	\$119,967
10	(28)	Director of Administrative Computing	1	\$119,967
11	(29)	Director of Distance Learning	1	\$119,881
12	(30)	Director of Off-Campus Operations	1	\$119,881
13	(31)	Business Manager	1	\$117,181
14	(32)	Controller	1	\$117,181
15	(33)	Director of Testing Services	1	\$114,690
16	(34)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
17	(35)	Director of Police & Public Safety	1	\$113,102
18	(36)	Director of Admissions	1	\$111,453
19	(37)	Director of Enrollment Management	1	\$111,453
20	(38)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$111,361
21	(39)	Director of Student Retention	1	\$111,361
22	(40)	Director of Special Programs	1	\$111,361
23	(41)	Coordinator of Career Services	1	\$106,609
24	(42)	Associate Registrar	1	\$106,166
25	(43)	Instructional Designer	3	\$106,084
26	(44)	Administrator of Grants & Contracts	1	\$103,501
27	(45)	Assistant to the President	1	\$103,501
28	(46)	Dir. of Student Activities/Org.	1	\$101,944
29	(47)	Workforce Specialist	4	\$93,055
30	(48)	Fiscal Support Pool	11	
31		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
32		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
33		Accountant II		\$72,774
34		Accountant I		\$69,975
35		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
36		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815

1	Accounting Technician		\$55,302
2	Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
3	(49) Director of Disability Services	1	\$91,268
4	(50) Public Safety Pool	23	
5	HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
6	Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
7	HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
8	HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
9	HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
10	Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
11	Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
12	Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
13	Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
14	HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
15	Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
16	Security Officer		\$47,272
17	Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
18	Watchman		\$38,855
19	(51) Accounting Coordinator	4	\$85,136
20	(52) Planned Giving Officer	1	\$85,080
21	(53) Procurement Coordinator	1	\$78,713
22	(54) Benefits Coordinator	1	\$78,713
23	(55) Budget Analyst	1	\$78,713
24	(56) Academic Tutor	2	\$77,184
25	(57) Academic Advisor	19	\$77,184
26	(58) Student Services Representative	28	\$77,183
27	(59) Skilled Trades Pool	7	
28	Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
29	Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
30	Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
31	Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
32	Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
33	(60) Grants Analyst	2	\$72,774
34	(61) Human Resources Analyst	2	\$72,774
35	(62) Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$72,774
36	(63) Production Artist	2	\$72,774

1	(64)	HEI Program Coordinator	21	\$69,975
2	(65)	Administrative Support Pool	64	
3		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
4		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
5		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
6		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
7		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
8		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
9		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
10		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
11		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
12	(66)	Assistant Registrar	5	\$67,284
13	(67)	Construction Specialist	1	\$67,284
14	(68)	Financial Aid Analyst	5	\$67,284
15	(69)	Library Support Pool	4	
16		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
17		Library Specialist		\$57,515
18		Library Technician		\$53,175
19		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
20	(70)	Purchasing Specialist	2	\$67,284
21	(71)	Financial Aid Specialist	1	\$62,208
22	(72)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
23	(73)	Inventory Control Manager	1	\$62,208
24	(74)	Landscape Supervisor	1	\$62,208
25	(75)	Maintenance Specialist	3	\$59,815
26	(76)	Laboratory Coordinator	4	\$57,515
27	(77)	Human Resources Assistant	1	\$55,302
28	(78)	Student Account Specialist	1	\$55,302
29	(79)	Warehouse Specialist	1	\$55,302
30	(80)	Admission Specialist	1	\$51,130
31	(81)	Cashier	3	\$51,130
32	(82)	Maintenance Assistant	8	\$51,130
33	(83)	Mail Services Coordinator	1	\$49,164
34	(84)	Registrar's Assistant	2	\$49,164
35	(85)	Academic Laboratory Assistant	4	\$45,455
36	(86)	Equipment Operator	1	\$45,455

1	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
2	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
3	(87)	Division Chairperson/Dean	\$146,201
4	(88)	Director of Nursing	\$144,651
5	(89)	Librarian	\$132,733
6	(90)	Special Instructor	\$111,362
7	(91)	Assistant Librarian	\$82,663
8	(92)	Lab. Supervisor	\$69,399
9	<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
10	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
11	(93)	Faculty	\$111,362
12	(94)	Part-Time Faculty	\$56,046
13	<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
14	<u>POSITIONS</u>		
15	(95)	Athletic Director	\$120,919
16	(96)	Project/Program Administrator	
17		Project/Program Director	\$120,919
18		Project/Program Manager	\$101,256
19		Project/Program Specialist	\$91,408
20	(97)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	
21		Coach	\$104,891
22		Asst. Coach	\$56,046
23		Athletic Trainer	\$41,956
24		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,137

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Northwest Arkansas Community College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: three hundred sixty (360) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Northwest Arkansas Community College, to be payable from

the Northwest Arkansas Community College Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Northwest Arkansas Community College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$13,068,588
(02) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(03) CONTINGENCY	<u>653,929</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,732,517</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Northwest Arkansas Community College, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Northwest Arkansas Community College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$27,453,974
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,812,734
(03) OVERTIME	54,520
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	19,000,501
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	18,371,141
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	616,080
(C) PROF. FEES	2,090,855
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	3,878,233
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,066,272
(07) DEBT SERVICE	4,046,275

(08)	PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>89,111</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$78,479,696</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING CENTER. There is hereby appropriated, to the Northwest Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the Northwest Arkansas Community College Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Northwest Arkansas Community College - Child Protection Training Center for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$142,043
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	34,657
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	51,250
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,250
(C) PROF. FEES	35,875
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$274,075</u></u>

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

SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

1 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
2 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
3 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
4 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
5 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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7 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
8 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
9 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
10 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
11 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
12 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
13 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
14 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
15 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
16 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
17 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1229

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OZARKA COLLEGE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE OZARKA COLLEGE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Ozarka College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum
number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
2025-2026		
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, OZC	1
(2)	IT Pool	3
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1		Website Developer		\$77,123
2		Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3		Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4		Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5		Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6		Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7		Media Specialist		\$69,975
8		Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9		Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10		Computer Operator		\$65,925
11		Network Analyst		\$65,925
12		Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13		Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14		Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15		Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16		Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3)	Chief Academic Officer	1	\$167,057
19	(4)	Vice-President for Admin. Services	1	\$167,057
20	(5)	Chief Planning Officer	1	\$156,658
21	(6)	Chief Fiscal Officer	1	\$156,658
22	(7)	Chief Student Officer	1	\$156,658
23	(8)	Chief Development Officer	1	\$156,657
24	(9)	Director of Human Resources	1	\$128,867
25	(10)	Coord. of Cont. Ed. & Bus. Outreach	1	\$122,249
26	(11)	Registrar	1	\$122,249
27	(12)	Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
28	(13)	Project/Program Administrator	1	
29		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
30		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
31		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
32	(14)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
33	(15)	Director of Off-Campus Operations	3	\$119,881
34	(16)	Business Manager	1	\$117,181
35	(17)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
36	(18)	Director of Admissions	1	\$111,453

1	(19)	Assistant to the President	1	\$104,457
2	(20)	Fiscal Support Pool	3	
3		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
4		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
5		Accountant II		\$72,774
6		Accountant I		\$69,975
7		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
8		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
9		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
10		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
11	(21)	Public Safety Pool	1	
12		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
13		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
14		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
15		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
16		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
17		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
18		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
19		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
20		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
21		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
22		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
23		Security Officer		\$47,272
24		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
25		Watchman		\$38,855
26	(22)	Aircraft Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$89,684
27	(23)	Accounting Coordinator	1	\$85,136
28	(24)	Aviation Technician	1	\$72,774
29	(25)	Director of Marketing/Public Relations	1	\$69,066
30	(26)	Administrative Support Pool	13	
31		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
32		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
33		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
34		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
35		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
36		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175

1		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
2		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
3		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
4	(27)	Career Planning & Placement Specialist	1	\$64,696
5	(28)	Financial Aid Specialist	2	\$62,208
6	(29)	Landscape Supervisor	1	\$62,208
7	(30)	Maintenance Technician	3	\$62,208
8	(31)	Public Information Technician	1	\$62,208
9	(32)	Student Recruitment Specialist	1	\$62,208
10	(33)	Payroll Technician	1	\$59,815
11	(34)	Purchasing Technician	1	\$59,815
12	(35)	Special Events Supervisor	1	\$55,302
13	(36)	Maintenance Assistant	1	\$51,130
14	(37)	Institutional Services Assistant	4	\$42,025
15		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
16		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
17	(38)	Division Chairperson	4	\$146,201
18	(39)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
19	(40)	Director of Adult Education	1	\$127,510
20	(41)	Instructor - Nursing/Resp. Therapy	4	\$120,304
21	(42)	Chief Flight Instructor	1	\$109,683
22	(43)	Special Instructor / Trainer	9	\$84,321
23		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
24		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
25	(44)	Faculty	40	\$111,362
26	(45)	Part-Time Faculty	90	\$56,046
27		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
28		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
29	(46)	Food Service Pool	2	
30		Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
31		Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
32		Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
33		Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
34		Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
35	(47)	Coordinator of Housekeeping	1	\$57,515
36	(48)	Childcare Technician	5	\$45,455

(49) Institutional Services Supervisor 1 \$43,706
 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 220

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Ozarka College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred (100) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Ozarka College, to be payable from the Ozarka College Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Ozarka College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,400,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,000,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,159
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CONTINGENCY	<u>222,758</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,677,917</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Ozarka College, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the Ozarka College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	NO.	2025-2026
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,500,000
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	300,000
4	(03) OVERTIME	1,000
5	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,000,000
6	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000,000
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
9	(C) PROF. FEES	200,000
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	600,000
11	(E) DATA PROC.	0
12	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,000,000
13	(07) DEBT SERVICE	750,000
14	(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>50,000</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$15,501,000</u>

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17 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
18 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
19 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
20 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
21 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
22 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
23 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
24 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
25 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
26 disbursement of said funds.

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

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1 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
2 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
3 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
4 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
5 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
6 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
7 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
8 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
9 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
10 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
11 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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14 **APPROVED: 2/11/25**
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1231

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE PHILLIPS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas for the
2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>
		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>
(1)	Chancellor	1
(2)	IT Pool	6
	Network Engineer	



1	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994
2	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
3	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
4	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
5	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
6	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
7	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
8	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
9	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
10	Database Administrator	\$106,607
11	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
12	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
13	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
14	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
15	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
16	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
17	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
18	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
19	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
20	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
21	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
22	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
23	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
24	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
25	Security Analyst	\$90,223
26	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
27	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
28	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
29	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
30	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
31	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
32	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
33	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
34	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
35	Database Analyst	\$80,208
36	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123

1		Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
2		Website Developer		\$77,123
3		Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
4		Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
5		Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
6		Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
7		Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
8		Media Specialist		\$69,975
9		Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
10		Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
11		Computer Operator		\$65,925
12		Network Analyst		\$65,925
13		Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
14		Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
15		Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
16		Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
17		Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
18		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
19	(3)	Vice Chancellor for Administration	1	\$187,612
20	(4)	Provost	1	\$167,057
21	(5)	Vice Chancellor	2	\$156,658
22	(6)	Vice Chan for Advancement/Development	1	\$156,658
23	(7)	Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$156,658
24	(8)	Dir. of Community Services	1	\$147,950
25	(9)	Controller	1	\$147,695
26	(10)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
27	(11)	Counselor	6	\$127,508
28	(12)	Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
29	(13)	Project/Program Administrator	2	
30		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
31		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
32		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
33	(14)	Director of Academic Computing	1	\$119,967
34	(15)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
35	(16)	Dir of Business & Industrial Training	1	\$118,771
36	(17)	Dir. Grants Management Accounting	1	\$117,181

1	(18)	Business Manager	1	\$117,181
2	(19)	Director of Development	1	\$113,455
3	(20)	Fiscal Support Pool	3	
4		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
5		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
6		Accountant II		\$72,774
7		Accountant I		\$69,975
8		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
9		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
10		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
11		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
12	(21)	Director of Human Resources	1	\$91,268
13	(22)	Public Safety Pool	6	
14		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
15		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
16		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
17		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
18		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
19		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
20		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
21		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
22		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
23		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
24		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
25		Security Officer		\$47,272
26		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
27		Watchman		\$38,855
28	(23)	Campus Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$78,713
29	(24)	Education Counselor	1	\$78,713
30	(25)	Skilled Trades Pool	3	
31		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
32		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
33		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
34		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
35		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
36	(26)	Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$72,774

1	(27)	HEI Program Coordinator	6	\$69,975
2	(28)	Administrative Support Pool	15	
3		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
4		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
5		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
6		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
7		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
8		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
9		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
10		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
11		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
12	(29)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
13	(30)	Financial Aid Analyst	1	\$67,284
14	(31)	Institution Human Resources Coord.	1	\$67,284
15	(32)	Library Support Pool	4	
16		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
17		Library Specialist		\$57,515
18		Library Technician		\$53,175
19		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
20	(33)	Maintenance Supervisor	3	\$67,284
21	(34)	Financial Aid Specialist	3	\$62,208
22	(35)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
23	(36)	Student Recruitment Specialist	1	\$62,208
24	(37)	Maintenance Specialist	1	\$59,815
25	(38)	Purchasing Technician	1	\$59,815
26	(39)	Special Events Coordinator	1	\$59,815
27	(40)	Admissions Analyst Supervisor	1	\$55,302
28	(41)	Equipment Mechanic	1	\$55,302
29	(42)	Special Events Supervisor	3	\$55,302
30	(43)	Student Accounts Specialist	1	\$55,302
31	(44)	Admissions Specialist	2	\$51,130
32	(45)	Maintenance Assistant	6	\$51,130
33	(46)	Registrar's Assistant	4	\$49,164
34	(47)	Equipment Operator	2	\$45,455
35	(48)	Reproduction Equipment Operator	1	\$45,455
36	(49)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706

1	(50)	Institutional Services Assistant	12	\$42,025
2		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
3		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
4	(51)	Division Chairperson	13	\$146,201
5	(52)	Faculty	13	\$139,340
6	(53)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
7	(54)	Clinical Instructor	5	\$99,620
8	(55)	Asst. Librarian	1	\$82,663
9		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
10		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
11	(56)	Faculty	59	\$111,362
12	(57)	Clinical Instructor	3	\$79,618
13	(58)	Part-Time Faculty	73	\$56,046
14		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
15		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
16	(59)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	8	
17		Coach		\$104,891
18		Asst. Coach		\$56,046
19		Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
20		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	296	

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22 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 23 the Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas for the 2025-
 24 2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
 25 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 26 herein for such purposes: nine hundred (900) temporary or part-time
 27 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 28 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 29 for the appropriate classification.

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31 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 32 appropriated, to the Phillips Community College of the University of
 33 Arkansas, to be payable from the Phillips Community College of the University
 34 of Arkansas Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 35 Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas for the fiscal year
 36 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	NO.	2025-2026
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,960,324
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,740,764
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,763,487
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
9	(C) PROF. FEES	0
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC.	0
12	(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>523,229</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,987,804</u>
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15 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 16 to the Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, to be
 17 payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal
 18 services and operating expenses of the Phillips Community College of the
 19 University of Arkansas for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 20 following:

21		
22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	NO.	2025-2026
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,200,000
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	1,000,000
26	(03) OVERTIME	200,000
27	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,000,000
28	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,485,000
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	450,000
31	(C) PROF. FEES	1,100,000
32	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	3,300,000
33	(E) DATA PROC.	0
34	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	6,000,000
35	(07) DEBT SERVICE	1,500,000
36	(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>40,000</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$25,275,000

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3 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
4 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
5 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
6 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
7 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
8 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
9 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
10 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
11 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
12 disbursement of said funds.
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14 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
15 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
16 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
17 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
18 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
19 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
20 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
21 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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23 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
24 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
25 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
26 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
28 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
29 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
30 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
31 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
32 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
33 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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35 APPROVED: 2/11/25
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 109

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE SOUTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE SOUTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the South Arkansas College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
2025-2026		
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, SAC	1
(2)	IT Pool	3
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1		Website Developer		\$77,123
2		Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3		Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4		Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5		Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6		Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7		Media Specialist		\$69,975
8		Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9		Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10		Computer Operator		\$65,925
11		Network Analyst		\$65,925
12		Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13		Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14		Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15		Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16		Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3)	Vice-President for Academic Affairs	1	\$167,057
19	(4)	Vice-President for Admin. Services	1	\$167,057
20	(5)	Chief Information Officer	1	\$156,658
21	(6)	Vice-President for Student Services	1	\$156,657
22	(7)	Dir. of Occup. & Technical Educ.	1	\$147,950
23	(8)	Director of Human Resources / Service	1	\$132,733
24	(9)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
25	(10)	Dir. of Workforce Development	1	\$129,825
26	(11)	Counselor	2	\$127,508
27	(12)	Dir. of Public Relations/Marketing	1	\$122,249
28	(13)	Registrar	1	\$122,249
29	(14)	Director of Student Aid	1	\$122,005
30	(15)	Dean of Students	2	\$121,485
31	(16)	Project/Program Administrator	4	
32		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
33		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
34		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
35	(17)	Director, Admin. Computer Services	1	\$119,967
36	(18)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967

1	(19)	Director, Distance Learning	1	\$119,881
2	(20)	Controller	1	\$117,181
3	(21)	Director of Development	1	\$113,455
4	(22)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
5	(23)	Dir., Systems Prog./Database Service	1	\$111,761
6	(24)	Dean Student Affairs-Enrollment Svcs.	1	\$111,453
7	(25)	Administrator of Grants and Contracts	1	\$105,721
8	(26)	Assistant to the President	1	\$104,457
9	(27)	Director of Public Safety	1	\$101,255
10	(28)	Workforce Specialist	2	\$93,056
11	(29)	Distance Learning Specialist	1	\$92,908
12	(30)	Fiscal Support Pool	6	
13		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
14		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
15		Accountant II		\$72,774
16		Accountant I		\$69,975
17		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
18		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
19		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
20		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
21	(31)	Public Safety Pool	5	
22		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
23		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
24		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
25		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
26		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
27		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
28		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
29		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
30		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
31		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
32		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
33		Security Officer		\$47,272
34		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
35		Watchman		\$38,855
36	(32)	Accounting Coordinator	1	\$85,136

1	(33)	Payroll Services Coordinator	1	\$78,713
2	(34)	Academic Advisor	5	\$77,183
3	(35)	Assistant Director	1	\$77,183
4	(36)	Director	1	\$77,183
5	(37)	Skilled Trades Pool	10	
6		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
7		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
8		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
9		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
10		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
11	(38)	Administrative Support Pool	12	
12		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
13		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
14		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
15		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
16		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
17		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
18		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
19		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
20		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
21	(39)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
22	(40)	Financial Aid Analyst	2	\$67,284
23	(41)	Library Support Pool	3	
24		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
25		Library Specialist		\$57,515
26		Library Technician		\$53,175
27		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
28	(42)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
29	(43)	Financial Aid Specialist	1	\$62,208
30	(44)	Student Recruitment Specialist	3	\$62,208
31	(45)	Admissions Analyst	1	\$53,175
32	(46)	Institutional Services Shift Supv.	1	\$49,164
33	(47)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
34	(48)	Institutional Services Assistant	10	\$42,025
35		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
36		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		

1	(49)	Division Chairperson	4	\$146,201
2	(50)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
3	(51)	Director of Allied Health	3	\$128,588
4	(52)	Director of Adult Education	1	\$127,510
5	(53)	Instructor-Nursing & Allied Health	20	\$120,305
6		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
7		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
8	(54)	Faculty	64	\$111,362
9	(55)	Part-Time Faculty	80	\$56,046
10		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
11		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
12	(56)	Conference Center Director	1	\$122,249
13	(57)	Athletic Director	1	\$120,919
14	(58)	Project/Program Administrator	6	
15		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
16		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
17		Project Program Specialist		\$91,408
18	(59)	Campus Store Manager	1	\$104,892
19	(60)	Events Planner	1	\$104,892
20	(61)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	6	
21		Coach		\$104,891
22		Asst. Coach		\$56,046
23		Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
24	(62)	Fiscal Support Pool	2	
25		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
26		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
27		Accountant II		\$72,774
28		Accountant I		\$69,975
29		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
30		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
31		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
32		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
33	(63)	Skilled Trades Pool	2	
34		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
35		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
36		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562

1	Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
2	Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
3	(64) Food Service Pool	5	
4	Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
5	Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
6	Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
7	Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
8	Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
9	(65) Residential Life Coordinator	<u>1</u>	\$57,868
10	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	302	

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12 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for

13 the South Arkansas College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following

14 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra

15 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred

16 seventy-five (175) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of

17 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

18 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate

19 classification.

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21 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby

22 appropriated, to the South Arkansas College, to be payable from the South

23 Arkansas College Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the

24 South Arkansas College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the

25 following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,296,797
30	(02) EXTRA HELP	210,542
31	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,316,878
32	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,427,424
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
35	(C) PROF. FEES	0
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(05) CONTINGENCY	<u>362,582</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,614,223</u></u>

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5 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
6 to the South Arkansas College, to be payable from cash funds as defined by
7 Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the
8 South Arkansas College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
9 following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,652,378
14	(02) EXTRA HELP	365,715
15	(03) OVERTIME	50,000
16	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,571,035
17	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,286,825
19	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	217,389
20	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
21	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	314,893
22	(E) DATA PROC.	0
23	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	8,483,593
24	(07) DEBT SERVICE	800,000
25	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
26	INVESTMENTS	126,929
27	(09) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>63,465</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$22,032,222</u></u>

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30 SECTION 5. 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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
36 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where

1 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
2 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
3 disbursement of said funds.
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5 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
6 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
7 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
8 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
9 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
10 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
11 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
12 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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14 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
15 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
16 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
17 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
18 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
19 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
20 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
21 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
22 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
23 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
24 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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27 APPROVED: 2/13/25
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 108

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE SAU-TECH FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE SAU-TECH APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the SAU-Tech for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number
of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Salary Rate	
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year	
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Chancellor, SAUT	1	\$208,138
(2)	IT Pool	6	
	Network Engineer		\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
	Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780



1	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
2	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
3	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
4	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
5	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
6	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
7	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
8	Database Administrator	\$106,607
9	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
10	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
11	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
12	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
13	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
14	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
15	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
16	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
17	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
18	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
19	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
20	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
21	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
22	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
23	Security Analyst	\$90,223
24	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
25	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
26	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
27	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
28	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
29	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
30	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
31	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
32	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
33	Database Analyst	\$80,208
34	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
35	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
36	Website Developer	\$77,123

1		Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
2		Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
3		Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
4		Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
5		Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
6		Media Specialist		\$69,975
7		Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
8		Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
9		Computer Operator		\$65,925
10		Network Analyst		\$65,925
11		Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
12		Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
13		Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
14		Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
15		Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
16		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
17	(3)	Vice-Chan. for Instruction	1	\$167,057
18	(4)	Vice-Chan. for Dev. & Ext. Ed.	1	\$156,658
19	(5)	Vice-Chan. for Finance	1	\$156,658
20	(6)	Vice-Chan. for Information Tech	1	\$156,658
21	(7)	Vice-Chan. for Student Services	1	\$156,658
22	(8)	Director of Human Resources	1	\$132,733
23	(9)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
24	(10)	Counselor	1	\$127,508
25	(11)	Registrar	1	\$122,249
26	(12)	Director of Student Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
27	(13)	Project/Program Administrator	1	
28		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
29		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
30		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
31	(14)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
32	(15)	Controller	1	\$117,181
33	(16)	Director of Development	1	\$113,455
34	(17)	Director of Cont. Ed/Business Outreach	1	\$113,455
35	(18)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
36	(19)	Director of Admissions	1	\$111,453

1	(20)	Coordinator of Student Recruitment	2	\$111,362
2	(21)	Director of Special Programs	3	\$111,361
3	(22)	Assistant to the Chancellor	1	\$104,457
4	(23)	Dir. of Student Activities/Org.	1	\$101,944
5	(24)	Communications Coordinator	1	\$101,944
6	(25)	Fiscal Support Pool	3	
7		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
8		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
9		Accountant II		\$72,774
10		Accountant I		\$69,975
11		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
12		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
13		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
14		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
15	(26)	Public Safety Pool	4	
16		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
17		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
18		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
19		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
20		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
21		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
22		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
23		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
24		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
25		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
26		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
27		Security Officer		\$47,272
28		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
29		Watchman		\$38,855
30	(27)	Maintenance Manager	1	\$85,136
31	(28)	Payroll Services Coordinator	1	\$78,713
32	(29)	Procurement Coordinator	1	\$78,713
33	(30)	Academic Advisor	2	\$77,183
34	(31)	Research and Statistics Manager	1	\$75,685
35	(32)	Skilled Trades Pool	6	
36		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157

1		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
2		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
3		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
4		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
5	(33)	Assistant Director of Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
6	(34)	Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$72,774
7	(35)	Buyer	1	\$69,975
8	(36)	Administrative Support Pool	22	
9		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
10		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
11		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
12		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
13		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
14		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
15		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
16		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
17		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
18	(37)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
19	(38)	Financial Aid Analyst	1	\$67,284
20	(39)	Library Support Pool	3	
21		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
22		Library Specialist		\$57,515
23		Library Technician		\$53,175
24		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
25	(40)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
26	(41)	Statistician	1	\$64,696
27	(42)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
28	(43)	Residential Advisor	1	\$57,515
29	(44)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$55,302
30	(45)	Warehouse Specialist	1	\$55,302
31	(46)	Admissions Analyst	1	\$53,175
32	(47)	Maintenance Assistant	6	\$51,130
33	(48)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
34	(49)	Institutional Services Assistant	4	\$42,025
35		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
36		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		

1	(50)	Division Chairperson	2	\$146,201
2	(51)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
3		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
4		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
5	(52)	Faculty	41	\$111,362
6	(53)	Part-Time Faculty	71	\$56,046
7		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
8		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
9	(54)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	9	
10		Coach		\$104,891
11		Asst. Coach		\$56,046
12		Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
13		<u>CAREER ACADEMY</u>		
14		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
15		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
16	(55)	Director, SAUT Career Academy	1	\$111,361
17	(56)	Academic Counselor	1	\$94,342
18		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
19		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
20	(57)	Director of Adult Education	1	\$127,510
21	(58)	Faculty	12	\$111,362
22		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
23		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
24	(59)	Assistant Bookstore Manager	1	\$59,815
25	(60)	Cashier	1	\$51,130
26	(61)	Institutional Services Assistant	2	\$42,025
27		<u>FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY</u>		
28		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
29		<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
30	(62)	IT Pool	1	
31		Network Engineer		\$200,973
32		Information Systems Manager		\$128,994
33		Computer Network Coordinator		\$128,780
34		Technical Support Staff		\$123,019
35		Coordinator, Academic Computing		\$121,571
36		Coord., Administrative Computing		\$121,570

1	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
2	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
3	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
4	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
5	Database Administrator	\$106,607
6	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
7	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
8	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
9	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
10	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
11	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
12	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
13	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
14	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
15	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
16	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
17	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
18	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
19	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
20	Security Analyst	\$90,223
21	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
22	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
23	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
24	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
25	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
26	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
27	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
28	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
29	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
30	Database Analyst	\$80,208
31	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
32	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
33	Website Developer	\$77,123
34	Information Systems Analyst	\$74,157
35	Information Systems Security Analyst	\$74,157
36	Computer Support Analyst	\$74,157

1		Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
2		Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
3		Media Specialist		\$69,975
4		Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
5		Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
6		Computer Operator		\$65,925
7		Network Analyst		\$65,925
8		Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
9		Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
10		Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
11		Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
12		Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
13		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
14	(63)	Director	1	\$136,774
15	(64)	Deputy Director	1	\$108,186
16	(65)	Fiscal Support Pool	1	
17		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
18		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
19		Accountant II		\$72,774
20		Accountant I		\$69,975
21		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
22		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
23		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
24		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
25	(66)	Administrative Support Pool	10	
26		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
27		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
28		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
29		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
30		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
31		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
32		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
33		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
34		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
35	(67)	Maintenance Assistant	2	\$51,130
36	(68)	Institutional Services Assistant	1	\$42,025

1	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
2	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
3	(69)	Assistant Director for Training	1	\$114,452
4	(70)	Faculty	21	\$111,362
5	(71)	Satellite Center Coordinator	1	\$102,135
6	(72)	Part-Time Faculty	25	\$56,046
7	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY</u>			
8	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
9	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
10	(73)	Director	1	\$120,046
11	(74)	Assistant Director for Training	1	\$114,452
12	(75)	Administrative Support Pool	3	
13		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
14		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
15		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
16		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
17		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
18		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
19		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
20		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
21		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
22	(76)	Maintenance Assistant	1	\$51,130
23	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
24	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
25	(77)	Faculty	7	\$111,362
26	(78)	Part-Time Faculty	12	\$56,046
27	<u>ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY</u>			
28	<u>STATEWIDE SOLID WASTE PROGRAM</u>			
29	<u>PURSUANT TO ACT 1850 OF 2005</u>			
30	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
31	<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>			
32	(79)	Stwd. Solid Waste Trng. Inst. Coord. _____	1	\$70,639
33		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	333	

35 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
36 the SAU-Tech for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of

part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred seventy-five (175) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the SAU-Tech Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,885,005
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	959,357
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	907,411
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	50,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>292,589</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,144,362</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,213,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	180,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,100,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,500,000

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	400,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,300,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	2,000,000
6	(06) DEBT SERVICE	375,000
7	(07) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
8	INVESTMENTS	<u>600,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$13,868,000</u>

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11 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. There is hereby
 12 authorized, for the SAU-Tech - Fire Training Academy the 2025-2026 fiscal
 13 year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be
 14 known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 15 purposes: fifty-five (55) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
 16 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 17 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 18 classification.

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20 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY.
 21 There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the SAU-
 22 Tech Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech -
 23 Fire Training Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 24 following:

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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$969,000
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	424,592
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	500,000
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,000
33	(C) PROF. FEES	0
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,043,592</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY.

There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the SAU-Tech Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech - Fire Training Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$3,045,637</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech - Fire Training Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$265,200
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	80,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	300,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	65,000
(C) PROF. FEES	85,751
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	120,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$915,951</u>

SECTION 9. EXTRA HELP - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY. There is hereby authorized, for the SAU-Tech - Environmental Training Academy for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: fifty (50) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform

Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the SAU-Tech Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech - Environmental Training Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$229,500
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	45,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	151,307
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$455,807</u></u>

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY. There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the SAU-Tech - Environmental Training Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$242,000
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	119,900
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	165,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
(C) PROF. FEES	11,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	55,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(04) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	<u>55,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$677,900</u></u>

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5 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

6 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

7 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

8 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

9 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

10 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction

11 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where

12 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and

13 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in

14 disbursement of said funds.

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16 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

17 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

18 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

19 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

20 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

21 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

22 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

23 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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25 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

26 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits

27 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of

29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

30 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

31 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm

32 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

33 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

34 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

35 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

36 APPROVED: 2/13/25

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 107

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS
COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Southeast Arkansas College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	President, SEAC	1
(2)	IT Pool	6
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1	Website Developer		\$77,123
2	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7	Media Specialist		\$69,975
8	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10	Computer Operator		\$65,925
11	Network Analyst		\$65,925
12	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3) Chief Academic Officer	1	\$167,057
19	(4) Chief Fiscal Officer	1	\$156,658
20	(5) Chief Student Officer	1	\$156,658
21	(6) Director of Human Resources/Services	1	\$132,733
22	(7) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
23	(8) Director of Workforce Development	1	\$129,825
24	(9) Counselor	2	\$127,508
25	(10) Dir. of Public Relations & Marketing	1	\$122,249
26	(11) Registrar	1	\$122,249
27	(12) Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
28	(13) Project/Program Administrator	2	
29	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
30	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
31	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
32	(14) Executive Asst. to the President	1	\$120,389
33	(15) Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
34	(16) Business Manager	1	\$117,181
35	(17) Controller	1	\$117,181
36	(18) Director of Development	1	\$113,455

1	(19)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
2	(20)	Director of Police & Public Safety	1	\$113,103
3	(21)	Dir. of Admissions & Enrollment Mgmt.	1	\$111,453
4	(22)	Coord. of Student Recruitment	1	\$111,363
5	(23)	Director of Retention & Advising	1	\$107,458
6	(24)	Coord. of Grants and Special Programs	1	\$105,720
7	(25)	Coordinator Advising/Testing/Records	1	\$103,000
8	(26)	Workforce Specialist	1	\$93,055
9	(27)	Distance Learning Specialist	1	\$92,908
10	(28)	Fiscal Support Pool	5	
11		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
12		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
13		Accountant II		\$72,774
14		Accountant I		\$69,975
15		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
16		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
17		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
18		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
19	(29)	Public Safety Pool	2	
20		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
21		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
22		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
23		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
24		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
25		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
26		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
27		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
28		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
29		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
30		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
31		Security Officer		\$47,272
32		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
33		Watchman		\$38,855
34	(30)	Education Counselor	1	\$78,713
35	(31)	Assistant Dir. of Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
36	(32)	Budget Specialist	1	\$72,774

1	(33)	Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$72,774
2	(34)	Administrative Support Pool	12	
3		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
4		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
5		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
6		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
7		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
8		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
9		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
10		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
11		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
12	(35)	Library Support Pool	2	
13		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
14		Library Specialist		\$57,515
15		Library Technician		\$53,175
16		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
17	(36)	Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
18	(37)	Purchasing Specialist	1	\$67,284
19	(38)	Financial Aid Specialist	2	\$62,208
20	(39)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
21	(40)	Maintenance Technician	1	\$62,208
22	(41)	Student Recruitment Specialist	1	\$62,208
23	(42)	Maintenance Specialist	1	\$59,815
24	(43)	Payroll Technician	1	\$59,815
25	(44)	Cashier	2	\$51,130
26	(45)	Maintenance Assistant	3	\$51,130
27	(46)	Shipping & Receiving Clerk	1	\$45,455
28	(47)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
29	(48)	Institutional Services Assistant	7	\$42,025
30		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
31		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
32	(49)	Division Chairperson/Dean	4	\$146,201
33	(50)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
34	(51)	Director of Respiratory Care	1	\$120,305
35	(52)	Special Instructor	10	\$111,362
36		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

(53)	Faculty	67	\$111,362
(54)	Part-Time Faculty	195	\$56,046

TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISESPOSITIONS

(55)	Athletic Director	1	\$120,919
(56)	Project/Program Administrator	1	
	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
(57)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	8	
	Coach		\$104,891
	Asst. Coach		\$56,046
	Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
(58)	Child Care Director	1	\$75,685
(59)	Day Care Teacher	2	\$59,815
(60)	Child Care Technician	<u>2</u>	\$45,455
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	375	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Southeast Arkansas College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two hundred (200) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Southeast Arkansas College, to be payable from the Southeast Arkansas College Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Southeast Arkansas College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,746,603

1	(02)	EXTRA HELP	700,000
2	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	800,000
3	(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	30,004
5	(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	0
6	(C)	PROF. FEES	0
7	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0
8	(E)	DATA PROC.	0
9	(05)	CONTINGENCY	<u>363,830</u>
10		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,640,437</u></u>

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12 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
13 to the Southeast Arkansas College, to be payable from cash funds as defined
14 by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of
15 the Southeast Arkansas College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
16 following:

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
20	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,000,000
21	(02) EXTRA HELP	1,000,000
22	(03) OVERTIME	200,000
23	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,800,000
24	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000,000
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	500,000
27	(C) PROF. FEES	1,500,000
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	20,000,000
29	(E) DATA PROC.	0
30	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	5,000,000
31	(07) DEBT SERVICE	1,500,000
32	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
33	INVESTMENTS	<u>1,200,000</u>
34	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$39,700,000</u></u>

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36 SECTION 5. 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, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
6 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
7 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
8 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
9 disbursement of said funds.

10
11 SECTION 6. 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.

19
20 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
21 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
22 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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33 APPROVED: 2/13/25
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 105

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT BATESVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT BATESVILLE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville for the 2025-
2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year	
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Chancellor	1	\$208,138
(2)	IT Pool	3	
	Network Engineer		\$200,973



1	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994
2	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
3	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
4	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
5	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
6	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
7	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
8	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
9	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
10	Database Administrator	\$106,607
11	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
12	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
13	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
14	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
15	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
16	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
17	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
18	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
19	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
20	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
21	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
22	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
23	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
24	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
25	Security Analyst	\$90,223
26	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
27	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
28	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
29	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
30	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
31	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
32	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
33	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
34	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
35	Database Analyst	\$80,208
36	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123

1		Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
2		Website Developer		\$77,123
3		Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
4		Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
5		Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
6		Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
7		Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
8		Media Specialist		\$69,975
9		Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
10		Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
11		Computer Operator		\$65,925
12		Network Analyst		\$65,925
13		Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
14		Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
15		Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
16		Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
17		Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
18		Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
19	(3)	Provost	1	\$167,057
20	(4)	Vice Chan. for Finance & Administration	1	\$156,658
21	(5)	Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$156,658
22	(6)	Director of Human Resources	1	\$132,733
23	(7)	Director of Workforce Development	1	\$129,825
24	(8)	Registrar	1	\$122,249
25	(9)	Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
26	(10)	Director Planning & Assessment	1	\$120,919
27	(11)	Project/Program Administrator Pool	10	
28		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
29		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
30		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
31	(12)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
32	(13)	Controller	1	\$117,181
33	(14)	Director of Development	1	\$113,455
34	(15)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
35	(16)	Director of Admissions	1	\$111,453
36	(17)	Director of Special Programs	1	\$111,361

1	(18)	Coordinator of Career Services	1	\$104,457
2	(19)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$104,457
3	(20)	Director of Institutional Research	1	\$101,348
4	(21)	Fiscal Support Pool	4	
5		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
6		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
7		Accountant II		\$72,774
8		Accountant I		\$69,975
9		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
10		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
11		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
12		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
13	(22)	Public Safety Pool	2	
14		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
15		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
16		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
17		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
18		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
19		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
20		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
21		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
22		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
23		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
24		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
25		Security Officer		\$47,272
26		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
27		Watchman		\$38,855
28	(23)	Academic Advisor	4	\$77,184
29	(24)	Skilled Trades Pool	5	
30		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
31		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
32		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
33		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
34		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
35	(25)	Assistant Director of Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
36	(26)	HEI Program Coordinator	1	\$69,975

1	(27)	Administrative Support Pool	15	
2		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
3		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
4		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
5		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
6		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
7		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
8		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
9		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
10		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
11	(28)	Bookstore Manager	1	\$67,284
12	(29)	Library Support Pool	1	
13		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
14		Library Specialist		\$57,515
15		Library Technician		\$53,175
16		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
17	(30)	Purchasing Specialist	1	\$67,284
18	(31)	Financial Aid Specialist	1	\$62,208
19	(32)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
20	(33)	Records Management Analyst	1	\$62,208
21	(34)	Admissions Specialist	2	\$51,130
22		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
23		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
24	(35)	Division Chairperson	5	\$146,201
25	(36)	Faculty	20	\$139,340
26	(37)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
27	(38)	Director of Adult Education	1	\$127,510
28	(39)	Instructor - Nursing & Allied Health	12	\$120,305
29	(40)	Special Instructor/Trainer	4	\$84,321
30		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
31		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
32	(41)	Faculty	25	\$111,362
33	(42)	Part-Time Faculty	100	\$56,046
34		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
35		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
36	(43)	Food Service Pool	2	

1	Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
2	Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
3	Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
4	Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
5	Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
6	(44) Cashier	1	\$51,130
7	(45) Cook	<u>1</u>	\$43,706
8	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	243	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred (100) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,185,225
(02) EXTRA HELP	245,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	750,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0

1	(05) CONTINGENCY	<u>259,261</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,444,486</u></u>

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4 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,
 5 to the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville, to be payable
 6 from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services
 7 and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas Community College at
 8 Batesville for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
12	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,955,000
13	(02) EXTRA HELP	285,000
14	(03) OVERTIME	1,000
15	(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,800,000
16	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
17	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,700,000
18	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	185,000
19	(C) PROF. FEES	300,000
20	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	4,500,000
21	(E) DATA PROC.	0
22	(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,000,000
23	(07) DEBT SERVICE	900,000
24	(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND	
25	INVESTMENTS	<u>500,000</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$16,126,000</u></u>

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28 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 29 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 30 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 31 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 32 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 33 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
 34 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
 35 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
 36 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in

1 disbursement of said funds.

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

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12 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
13 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
14 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
15 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
16 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
17 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
18 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
19 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
20 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
21 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
22 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1234

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT HOPE-TEXARKANA FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT HOPE-TEXARKANA
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana for the
2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
2025-2026		
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor	1
(2)	IT Pool	2
	Network Engineer	



1	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994
2	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
3	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
4	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
5	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
6	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
7	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
8	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
9	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
10	Database Administrator	\$106,607
11	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
12	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
13	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
14	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
15	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
16	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
17	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
18	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
19	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
20	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
21	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
22	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
23	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
24	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
25	Security Analyst	\$90,223
26	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
27	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
28	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
29	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
30	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
31	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
32	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
33	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
34	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
35	Database Analyst	\$80,208
36	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123

1	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123
2	Website Developer	\$77,123
3	Information Systems Analyst	\$74,157
4	Information Systems Security Analyst	\$74,157
5	Computer Support Analyst	\$74,157
6	Software Support Specialist	\$71,305
7	Telecommunications Supervisor	\$71,305
8	Media Specialist	\$69,975
9	Computer Support Technician	\$68,562
10	Help Desk Specialist	\$68,562
11	Computer Operator	\$65,925
12	Network Analyst	\$65,925
13	Telecommunications Specialist	\$65,925
14	Multimedia Specialist	\$62,208
15	Information Technology Assistant	\$58,608
16	Computer Lab Technician	\$56,353
17	Multimedia Technician	\$51,130
18	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant	\$47,272
19	(3) Provost	1 \$167,057
20	(4) Vice Chancellor for Administration	1 \$167,057
21	(5) Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1 \$156,658
22	(6) Director of Institutional Research	1 \$132,733
23	(7) Counselor	5 \$127,508
24	(8) Director	1 \$127,507
25	(9) Coord. of Cont. Educ. & Business Outreach	1 \$122,249
26	(10) Dir. of Public Relations & Marketing	1 \$122,249
27	(11) Registrar	1 \$122,249
28	(12) Director of Financial Aid	1 \$122,005
29	(13) Dean of Students	1 \$121,485
30	(14) Director of Planning & Assessment	1 \$120,919
31	(15) Director of Computer Services	1 \$119,967
32	(16) Dir. Business & Industrial Training	1 \$118,771
33	(17) Business Manager	1 \$117,181
34	(18) Director of Development	1 \$113,455
35	(19) Director of Physical Plant	1 \$113,103
36	(20) Director of Admissions	1 \$111,453

1	(21)	Controller	1	\$109,254
2	(22)	Dir. of Acad. Advising and Career Serv.	1	\$104,457
3	(23)	Fiscal Support Pool	3	
4		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
5		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
6		Accountant II		\$72,774
7		Accountant I		\$69,975
8		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
9		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
10		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
11		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
12	(24)	Public Safety Pool	5	
13		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
14		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
15		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
16		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
17		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
18		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
19		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
20		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
21		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
22		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
23		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
24		Security Officer		\$47,272
25		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
26		Watchman		\$38,855
27	(25)	Assistant Director	1	\$86,850
28	(26)	Director of Administrative Support	1	\$81,473
29	(27)	Academic Advisor	4	\$77,184
30	(28)	Skilled Trades Pool	2	
31		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
32		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
33		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
34		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
35		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
36	(29)	HEI Program Coordinator	1	\$69,975

1	(30)	Public Information Specialist	1	\$69,975
2	(31)	Administrative Support Pool	18	
3		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
4		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
5		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
6		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
7		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
8		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
9		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
10		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
11		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
12	(32)	Financial Aid Analyst	2	\$67,284
13	(33)	Library Support Pool	2	
14		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
15		Library Specialist		\$57,515
16		Library Technician		\$53,175
17		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
18	(34)	Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
19	(35)	Special Events Manager	1	\$67,284
20	(36)	Telecommunications Specialist	2	\$65,925
21	(37)	Payroll Technician	1	\$59,815
22	(38)	Purchasing Technician	1	\$59,815
23	(39)	Maintenance Assistant	5	\$51,130
24	(40)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
25	(41)	Institutional Services Assistant	4	\$42,025
26		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
27		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
28	(42)	Division Chairperson	4	\$146,201
29	(43)	Faculty	2	\$139,340
30	(44)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
31	(45)	Instructor - Nursing & Allied Health	8	\$120,305
32		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
33		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
34	(46)	Faculty	60	\$111,362
35	(47)	Part-Time Faculty	55	\$56,046
36		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		

POSITIONS

(48)	Director of Food Service	<u>1</u>	\$105,646
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	214	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two hundred (200) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,229,312
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,274,318
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>325,682</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,839,312</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal

services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,744,197
(02) EXTRA HELP	500,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	700,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	5,325,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	125,000
(C) PROF. FEES	350,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	2,320,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	6,751,000
(06) DEBT SERVICE	650,000
(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$18,490,197</u>

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

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

1 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
2 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
3 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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5 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
7 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
10 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
11 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
12 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
13 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
14 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
15 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 115

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT MORRILTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT MORRILTON
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton for the 2025-
2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year	
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Chancellor	1	\$208,138
(2)	IT Pool	9	
	Network Engineer		\$200,973



1	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994
2	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
3	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
4	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
5	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
6	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
7	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
8	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
9	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
10	Database Administrator	\$106,607
11	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
12	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
13	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
14	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
15	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
16	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
17	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
18	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
19	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
20	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
21	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
22	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
23	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
24	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
25	Security Analyst	\$90,223
26	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
27	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
28	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
29	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
30	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
31	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
32	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
33	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
34	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
35	Database Analyst	\$80,208
36	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123

1	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
2	Website Developer		\$77,123
3	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
4	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
5	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
6	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
7	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
8	Media Specialist		\$69,975
9	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
10	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
11	Computer Operator		\$65,925
12	Network Analyst		\$65,925
13	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
14	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
15	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
16	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
17	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
18	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
19	(3) Vice Chancellor for Administration	1	\$187,612
20	(4) Provost	1	\$167,057
21	(5) Assistant to the Chancellor	1	\$156,658
22	(6) Chief Information Officer	1	\$156,658
23	(7) Vice Chancellor for Finance	1	\$156,658
24	(8) Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$156,658
25	(9) Director of Human Resources	1	\$132,733
26	(10) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
27	(11) Counselor	4	\$127,508
28	(12) Registrar	1	\$122,249
29	(13) Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
30	(14) Project/Program Administrator	3	
31	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
32	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
33	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
34	(15) Dir. of Public Relations & Marketing	1	\$119,967
35	(16) Director of Academic Initiatives	1	\$119,881
36	(17) Development Officer	1	\$113,455

1	(18)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
2	(19)	Director of Admissions	1	\$111,453
3	(20)	Coordinator of Student Recruitment	1	\$111,362
4	(21)	Controller	1	\$109,254
5	(22)	Associate Registrar	1	\$106,166
6	(23)	Instructional Designer	1	\$106,084
7	(24)	Director of Workforce Development	1	\$105,124
8	(25)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$104,457
9	(26)	Director of Student Activities	1	\$103,501
10	(27)	Fiscal Support Pool	7	
11		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
12		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
13		Accountant II		\$72,774
14		Accountant I		\$69,975
15		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
16		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
17		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
18		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
19	(28)	Public Safety Pool	3	
20		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
21		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
22		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
23		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
24		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
25		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
26		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
27		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
28		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
29		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
30		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
31		Security Officer		\$47,272
32		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
33		Watchman		\$38,855
34	(29)	Student Development Specialist	1	\$83,457
35	(30)	Academic Advisor	2	\$77,184
36	(31)	Admissions Counselor	2	\$77,184

1	(32)	Child Care Director	1	\$75,685
2	(33)	Skilled Trades Pool	2	
3		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
4		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
5		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
6		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
7		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
8	(34)	Assistant Director of Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
9	(35)	Human Resources Analyst	1	\$72,774
10	(36)	HEI Program Coordinator	2	\$69,975
11	(37)	Administrative Support Pool	15	
12		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
13		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
14		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
15		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
16		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
17		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
18		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
19		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
20		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
21	(38)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
22	(39)	Financial Aid Analyst	4	\$67,284
23	(40)	Library Support Pool	2	
24		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
25		Library Specialist		\$57,515
26		Library Technician		\$53,175
27		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
28	(41)	Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
29	(42)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
30	(43)	Day Care Teacher	2	\$59,815
31	(44)	Maintenance Specialist	3	\$59,815
32	(45)	Special Events Coordinator	1	\$59,815
33	(46)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$55,302
34	(47)	Maintenance Assistant	3	\$51,130
35	(48)	Institutional Services Shift Supervisor	1	\$49,164
36	(49)	Child Care Technician	2	\$45,455

1	(50)	Institutional Services Supervisor	1	\$43,706
2	(51)	Institutional Services Assistant	10	\$42,025
3		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
4		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
5	(52)	Division Chairperson	4	\$146,201
6	(53)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
7	(54)	Faculty	17	\$111,363
8	(55)	Learning Center Coordinator	1	\$93,419
9	(56)	Assistant Librarian	1	\$82,663
10	(57)	Lab Supervisor	3	\$69,399
11		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
12		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
13	(58)	Faculty	68	\$111,362
14	(59)	Part-Time Faculty	<u>85</u>	\$56,046
15		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	289	

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17 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
18 the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton for the 2025-2026
19 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary
20 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
21 herein for such purposes: one hundred ten (110) temporary or part-time
22 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
23 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
24 for the appropriate classification.

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26 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
27 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton,
28 to be payable from the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton
29 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of
30 Arkansas Community College at Morrilton for the fiscal year ending June 30,
31 2026, the following:

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33	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
35	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,092,132
36	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,262,933

1	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
4	(C) PROF. FEES	0
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>318,253</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$6,683,318</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,500,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	1,000,000
(03) OVERTIME	10,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,000,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	7,000,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
(C) PROF. FEES	550,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	3,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	8,500,000
(07) DEBT SERVICE	1,200,000
(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>40,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$29,000,000</u>

SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

1 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
2 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
3 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
4 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
5 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
6 disbursement of said funds.

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

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17 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
18 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
19 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
20 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
21 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
22 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
23 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
24 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
25 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
26 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
27 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1246

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT RICH MOUNTAIN FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT RICH MOUNTAIN
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain for the
2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year	
No.	Title	Employees	2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>			
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>			
(1)	Chancellor	1	\$208,138
(2)	IT Pool	5	
	Network Engineer		\$200,973



1	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994
2	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
3	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
4	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
5	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
6	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
7	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
8	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
9	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
10	Database Administrator	\$106,607
11	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
12	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
13	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
14	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
15	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
16	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
17	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
18	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
19	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
20	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
21	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
22	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
23	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
24	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
25	Security Analyst	\$90,223
26	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
27	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
28	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
29	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
30	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
31	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
32	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
33	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
34	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
35	Database Analyst	\$80,208
36	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123

1	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
2	Website Developer		\$77,123
3	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
4	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
5	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
6	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
7	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
8	Media Specialist		\$69,975
9	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
10	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
11	Computer Operator		\$65,925
12	Network Analyst		\$65,925
13	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
14	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
15	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
16	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
17	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
18	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
19	(3) Provost	1	\$167,057
20	(4) Vice Chancellor for Finance	1	\$156,658
21	(5) Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs	1	\$156,658
22	(6) Vice Chan. for Advancement/Development	1	\$156,658
23	(7) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
24	(8) Director of Human Resources	1	\$132,733
25	(9) Information Systems Manager	1	\$128,994
26	(10) Counselor	2	\$127,508
27	(11) Coord. of Cont. Educ. & Business Outreach	1	\$122,249
28	(12) Dir. of Public Relations & Marketing	1	\$122,249
29	(13) Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
30	(14) Project/Program Administrator	7	
31	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
32	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
33	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
34	(15) Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,966
35	(16) Business Manager	1	\$117,181
36	(17) Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103

1	(18)	Director of Admissions	1	\$111,453
2	(19)	Coordinator of Student Recruitment	1	\$111,363
3	(20)	Project Coordinator	1	\$95,640
4	(21)	Fiscal Support Pool	1	
5		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
6		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
7		Accountant II		\$72,774
8		Accountant I		\$69,975
9		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
10		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
11		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
12		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
13	(22)	Skilled Trades Pool	1	
14		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
15		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
16		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
17		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
18		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
19	(23)	Asst. Dir. Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
20	(24)	Business Operations Specialist	1	\$69,975
21	(25)	Administrative Support Pool	4	
22		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
23		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
24		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
25		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
26		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
27		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
28		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
29		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
30		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
31	(26)	Financial Aid Analyst	1	\$67,284
32	(27)	Library Support Pool	1	
33		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
34		Library Specialist		\$57,515
35		Library Technician		\$53,175
36		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164

1	(28)	Maintenance Technician	1	\$62,208
2	(29)	Maintenance Specialist	1	\$59,815
3	(30)	Payroll Officer	1	\$55,302
4	(31)	Maintenance Assistant	2	\$51,130
5	(32)	Registrar's Assistant	1	\$49,164
6	(33)	Purchasing Assistant	1	\$47,272
7	(34)	Institutional Services Assistant	4	\$42,025
8		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
9		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
10	(35)	Division Chairperson	4	\$146,201
11	(36)	Librarian	1	\$132,733
12		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
13		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
14	(37)	Faculty	23	\$111,362
15	(38)	Part-Time Faculty	63	\$56,046
16		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
17		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
18	(39)	Director of Food Services	1	\$105,646
19	(40)	Campus Store Manager	1	\$104,892
20	(41)	Athletic Administration & Support Pool	8	
21		Coach		\$104,891
22		Asst. Coach		\$56,046
23		Athletic Trainer		\$41,956
24	(42)	Food Service Pool	3	
25		Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
26		Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
27		Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130
28		Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
29		Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
30		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	156	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: eighty (80) temporary or part-time employees, when

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

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain, to be payable from the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,551,234
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	575,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	850,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) CONTINGENCY	<u>198,812</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,175,046</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,500,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	750,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,000,000

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,500,000
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	200,000
4	(C) PROF. FEES	75,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	6,300,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(05) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	1,750,000
8	(06) DEBT SERVICE	<u>800,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$18,875,000</u>

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11 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 12 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 13 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 14 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 16 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
 17 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
 18 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
 19 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
 20 disbursement of said funds.

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

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31 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 32 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 33 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
 35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 36 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

1 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
2 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
3 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
4 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
5 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1235

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College for the 2025-
2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor, UA-EACC	1
(2)	IT Pool	6
	Network Engineer	\$200,973



1	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994
2	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
3	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
4	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
5	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
6	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
7	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
8	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
9	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
10	Database Administrator	\$106,607
11	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
12	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
13	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
14	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
15	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
16	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
17	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
18	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
19	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
20	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
21	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
22	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
23	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
24	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
25	Security Analyst	\$90,223
26	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
27	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
28	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
29	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
30	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
31	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
32	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
33	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
34	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
35	Database Analyst	\$80,208
36	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123

1	Network Support Analyst		\$77,123
2	Website Developer		\$77,123
3	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
4	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
5	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
6	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
7	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
8	Media Specialist		\$69,975
9	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
10	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
11	Computer Operator		\$65,925
12	Network Analyst		\$65,925
13	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
14	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
15	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
16	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
17	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
18	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
19	(3) Chief Academic Officer	1	\$167,057
20	(4) Assistant to the President	1	\$156,658
21	(5) Chief Career & Technical Ed. Officer	1	\$156,658
22	(6) Chief Fiscal Officer	1	\$156,658
23	(7) Chief Planning and Development Officer	1	\$156,658
24	(8) Chief Student Life Officer	1	\$156,658
25	(9) Dir. of Community/Continuing Ed.	1	\$147,950
26	(10) Director of Small Business Center	1	\$144,651
27	(11) Director of Counseling	1	\$132,733
28	(12) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
29	(13) Director of Human Resources	1	\$132,732
30	(14) Counselor	6	\$127,508
31	(15) Dir. of Enrollment Mgmt/Registrar	1	\$122,249
32	(16) Dir. of Public Relations/Marketing	1	\$122,249
33	(17) Dir. of Student Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
34	(18) Project/Program Administrator	4	
35	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
36	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256

1		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
2	(19)	Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
3	(20)	Associate Director of Computer Services	1	\$119,967
4	(21)	Dir. of Sys. Prog. & Data Base Svcs.	1	\$119,967
5	(22)	Director of Distance Learning	1	\$119,881
6	(23)	Dir. of Off-Campus Operations	1	\$119,881
7	(24)	Controller	1	\$117,181
8	(25)	Administrator of Grants and Contracts	1	\$117,181
9	(26)	Director of Police & Public Safety	1	\$113,103
10	(27)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
11	(28)	Coordinator of Student Recruitment	1	\$111,362
12	(29)	Fiscal Support Pool	4	
13		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
14		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
15		Accountant II		\$72,774
16		Accountant I		\$69,975
17		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
18		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
19		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
20		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
21	(30)	Public Safety Pool	3	
22		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
23		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
24		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
25		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
26		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
27		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
28		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
29		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
30		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
31		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
32		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
33		Security Officer		\$47,272
34		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
35		Watchman		\$38,855
36	(31)	Planning Officer/Grant Coordinator	1	\$85,080

1	(32)	Asst. Dir. Financial Aid	1	\$72,774
2	(33)	Administrative Support Pool	26	
3		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
4		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
5		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
6		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
7		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
8		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
9		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
10		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
11		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
12	(34)	Assistant Registrar	1	\$67,284
13	(35)	Financial Aid Analyst	1	\$67,284
14	(36)	Maintenance Supervisor	2	\$67,284
15	(37)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
16	(38)	Purchasing Specialist	1	\$67,284
17	(39)	Career Planning and Placement Spec.	1	\$64,696
18	(40)	Financial Aid Specialist	1	\$62,208
19	(41)	Maintenance Specialist	2	\$59,815
20	(42)	Payroll Technician	1	\$59,815
21	(43)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$55,302
22	(44)	Cashier	1	\$51,130
23	(45)	Maintenance Assistant	8	\$51,130
24	(46)	Registrar's Assistant	1	\$49,164
25	(47)	Institutional Services Assistant	6	\$42,025
26		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
27		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
28	(48)	Division Chairperson	6	\$146,201
29	(49)	Director of Nursing	1	\$144,651
30	(50)	Faculty	12	\$139,340
31	(51)	Dir. of Learning Resource Center	1	\$127,507
32	(52)	Coordinator of Learning Assistance	1	\$93,419
33		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
34		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
35	(53)	Faculty	54	\$111,362
36	(54)	Librarian	1	\$111,362

1	(55)	Lab Supervisor	5	\$58,163
2	(56)	Part-Time Faculty	100	\$56,046
3		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
4		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
5	(57)	Bookstore Manager	<u>1</u>	\$67,284
6		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	286	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two hundred seventy-five (275) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,987,526
(02) EXTRA HELP	150,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,125,000
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	2,399,227
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	40,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CONTINGENCY	<u>535,088</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,236,841</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,589,098
(02) EXTRA HELP	439,631
(03) OVERTIME	10,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,736,697
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,059,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	338,000
(C) PROF. FEES	315,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,750,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	15,088,266
(07) DEBT SERVICE	301,000
(08) FUND TRANSFERS, REFUNDS AND INVESTMENTS	2,500,000
(09) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$28,176,692</u>

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

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2 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
3 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
4 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
5 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
6 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
7 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
8 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
9 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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11 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
12 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
13 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
14 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
15 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
16 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
17 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
18 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
19 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
20 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
21 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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24 **APPROVED: 2/25/25**
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 46

By: Senators Caldwell, R. Murdock
By: Representatives Hollowell, Barnett

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE; TO
REFLECT A MERGER BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
AND EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BY CHANGING THE
NAME OF EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE; TO REPEAL PORTIONS OF THE LAW CONCERNING A
PREVIOUS MERGER INVOLVING EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY
COLLEGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REFLECT A MERGER BETWEEN THE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AND EAST ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE BY CHANGING THE NAME
OF EAST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EAST ARKANSAS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-5-302 is amended to read as follows:
6-5-302. Allocation and transfer of funds.

From the moneys accruing to the Educational Excellence Trust Fund, the
Treasurer of State on the last day of the month shall transfer to the various
funds and fund accounts listed below, the amounts determined by applying each
fund or fund account's proportionate part of the total of all such
allocations set forth in this section to the amount available for
distribution as determined in § 6-5-301:



	FISCAL YEAR ENDING	
Fund or Fund Accounts	June 30, 2002	June 30, 2003 & Thereafter
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account	\$161,935,727	\$164,138,382
Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account	9,518,065	10,032,555
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Fund Account	762,901	804,138
Division of Career and Technical Education Fund Account	2,856,557	3,010,965
Higher Education Grants Fund Account	10,499,767	11,067,322
School for Math, Sciences, and Arts Fund	0	5,988,465
Institutions of Higher Education:		
Arkansas State University Fund	4,797,713	5,057,049
Arkansas Tech University Fund	1,608,226	1,695,157
Henderson State University Fund	1,663,634	1,753,560
Southern Arkansas University Fund	983,576	1,036,743
University of Arkansas Fund	11,905,301	12,548,830
University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund	4,224,809	4,453,177
University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund	7,274,293	7,667,498
University of Arkansas Medical Center Fund - Indigent Care	181,013	190,797
University of Arkansas at Monticello Fund	848,858	894,742
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Fund	1,473,599	1,553,253
University of Central Arkansas Fund	3,661,359	3,859,270
Arkansas State University-Beebe Fund	1,144,646	1,206,518
<u>University of Arkansas</u> East Arkansas Community College Fund	599,022	631,401
National Park College Fund	895,921	944,349
Arkansas Northeastern College Fund	573,810	604,827
North Arkansas College Fund	353,775	372,898
Northwest Arkansas Community College Fund	791,763	834,561
Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas Fund	583,366	614,899

1	University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain Fund		
2		158,120	166,667
3	SAU-Tech Fund	256,801	270,683
4	South Arkansas Community College Fund	409,688	431,833
5	University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Fund	2,437,691	2,569,458
6	TOTAL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION	\$ 46,826,984	\$ 49,358,170

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8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §§ 6-51-1101 – 6-51-1104 are repealed.

9 ~~6-51-1101. Merger.~~

10 ~~(a)(1) This subchapter shall govern the merger of Crowley's Ridge~~
 11 ~~Technical Institute and East Arkansas Community College if:~~

12 ~~(A) The Board of Directors of Crowley's Ridge Technical~~
 13 ~~Institute votes to merge with East Arkansas Community College;~~

14 ~~(B) The Board of Directors of East Arkansas Community~~
 15 ~~College votes to accept the merger; and~~

16 ~~(C) The merger is approved under § 6-53-401.~~

17 ~~(2)(A)(i) When voting to accept a merger under subdivision~~
 18 ~~(a)(1)(B) of this section, the Board of Directors of East Arkansas Community~~
 19 ~~College shall designate a date for the merger to become effective.~~

20 ~~(ii) The Board of Directors of East Arkansas~~
 21 ~~Community College shall consult the Board of Directors of Crowley's Ridge~~
 22 ~~Technical Institute in determining the date under subdivision (a)(2)(A)(i) of~~
 23 ~~this section.~~

24 ~~(B) If a merger of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute and~~
 25 ~~East Arkansas Community College is approved under § 6-53-401, the merger~~
 26 ~~shall become effective on the date designated under subdivision (a)(2)(A)(i)~~
 27 ~~of this section.~~

28 ~~(b) On the effective date of a merger under subdivision (a)(2) of this~~
 29 ~~section, all statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records,~~
 30 ~~personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or~~
 31 ~~other funds, including the functions of budgeting or purchasing, of Crowley's~~
 32 ~~Ridge Technical Institute shall be transferred to East Arkansas Community~~
 33 ~~College.~~

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35 ~~6-51-1102. Board of directors.~~

36 ~~On the effective date of a merger under § 6-51-1101(a)(2):~~

~~(1) The Board of Directors of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute shall be abolished; and~~

~~(2) The Board of Directors of East Arkansas Community College shall assume the powers and duties of the Board of Directors of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute.~~

~~6-51-1103. Purchasing.~~

~~(a) Upon the vote of the Board of Directors of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute to merge with East Arkansas Community College under § 6-51-1101(a)(1)(A) and before the effective date of a merger under § 6-51-1101(a)(2):~~

~~(1) Purchases by Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute shall be made under the Arkansas Procurement Law, § 19-11-201 et seq.; and~~

~~(2) Purchases by East Arkansas Community College may continue to be made under procedures that were applicable to East Arkansas Community College.~~

~~(b) This section shall not apply if a merger is not subsequently approved under § 6-51-1101(a).~~

~~6-51-1104. Transfer of assets, obligations, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances, and legal authority.~~

~~Beginning on the effective date of a merger under § 6-51-1101(a)(2):~~

~~(1) All property and other rights, claims, and assets of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute shall be transferred to East Arkansas Community College;~~

~~(2) All obligations of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute shall be obligations of East Arkansas Community College;~~

~~(3)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (3)(B) of this section, all records, personnel, property, unexpended balances, and legal authority shall be transferred from Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute to East Arkansas Community College.~~

~~(B) If applicable, the personnel transferred from Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute to East Arkansas Community College shall comply with Acts 2017, No. 94, § 1, as amended by this subchapter; and~~

~~(4) All cash fund balances of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute transferred to East Arkansas Community College shall be used for~~

~~the operation, support, and improvement of occupational, vocational, technical, and workforce development programs of East Arkansas Community College.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code §§ 6-51-1105 and 6-51-1106 are amended to read as follows:

6-51-1105. Funding from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund.

Beginning on the effective date of a merger under § 6-51-1101(a)(2), funding from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund, which would have been provided to Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute, shall be provided to the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College to fund workforce development, vocational, occupational, and training programs offered by the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College.

6-51-1106. Funding from the Federal Adult Basic Education Fund.

Beginning on the effective date of a merger under § 6-51-1101(a)(2), funding from the Federal Adult Basic Education Fund, which would have been provided to Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute, shall be provided to the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-63-305(b)(8), concerning new or additional positions at institutions of higher education, is amended to read as follows:

(8) University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College

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SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 19-4-906(a)(093), concerning the maximum number of authorized passenger motor vehicles for East Arkansas Community College, is amended to read as follows:

(093) University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College 28

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 19-5-303(n), concerning funds of institutions of higher education, is amended to read as follows:

(n) University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College Fund.

(1) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be

known as the "University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College Fund".

(2) The University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College Fund shall be used for the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College.

(3) The University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College Fund shall consist of:

(A) Those general revenues as may be provided by law; and

(B) Any other funds made available for the support of the University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College which are required to be deposited into the State Treasury by law.

SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 19-11-220(a)(19), concerning state agencies authorized to have an agency procurement official under the Arkansas Procurement Law, is amended to read as follows:

(19) University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College;

APPROVED: 2/11/25

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1227

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
- PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE APPROPRIATION
FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College for the 2025-2026
fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2025-2026
<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Chancellor	1
(2)	IT Pool	15
	Network Engineer	\$200,973
	Information Systems Manager	\$128,994



1	Computer Network Coordinator	\$128,780
2	Technical Support Staff	\$123,019
3	Coordinator, Academic Computing	\$121,571
4	Coord., Administrative Computing	\$121,570
5	Coordinator of Information Technology	\$119,967
6	Website Developer/Programmer	\$119,967
7	System Programmer/Web Developer	\$118,592
8	Computer Systems Mgr.	\$108,987
9	Database Administrator	\$106,607
10	Systems Administrator	\$105,547
11	Information Systems Security Specialist	\$103,579
12	Institution Information Technology Coord.	\$101,489
13	Assistant Database Administrator	\$97,665
14	Computer Support Manager	\$97,585
15	Information Systems Coordinator	\$97,585
16	Senior Software Support Specialist	\$97,585
17	Systems Specialist	\$97,585
18	Information Technology Manager	\$96,408
19	Network Support Specialist	\$93,831
20	Senior Software Support Analyst	\$93,831
21	Tech Support/Systems Admin.	\$92,374
22	Tech Support/Applications Support	\$92,374
23	Information Systems Business Manager	\$90,223
24	Security Analyst	\$90,223
25	Systems Analyst	\$90,223
26	Information Technology Specialist	\$88,339
27	Computer Support Coordinator	\$86,753
28	Software Support Analyst	\$86,753
29	Systems Applications Supervisor	\$86,753
30	Computer Operations Coordinator	\$83,416
31	Systems Coordination Analyst	\$83,416
32	PC Support Specialist	\$81,860
33	Computer Support Specialist	\$80,208
34	Database Analyst	\$80,208
35	Digital Broadcast Specialist	\$77,123
36	Network Support Analyst	\$77,123

1	Website Developer		\$77,123
2	Information Systems Analyst		\$74,157
3	Information Systems Security Analyst		\$74,157
4	Computer Support Analyst		\$74,157
5	Software Support Specialist		\$71,305
6	Telecommunications Supervisor		\$71,305
7	Media Specialist		\$69,975
8	Computer Support Technician		\$68,562
9	Help Desk Specialist		\$68,562
10	Computer Operator		\$65,925
11	Network Analyst		\$65,925
12	Telecommunications Specialist		\$65,925
13	Multimedia Specialist		\$62,208
14	Information Technology Assistant		\$58,608
15	Computer Lab Technician		\$56,353
16	Multimedia Technician		\$51,130
17	Audiovisual Laboratory Assistant		\$47,272
18	(3) Provost	1	\$174,281
19	(4) Vice Chancellor for Finance	1	\$156,658
20	(5) Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management	1	\$156,658
21	(6) Vice Chan. for Advancement/Development	1	\$156,658
22	(7) Chief Information Officer	1	\$156,658
23	(8) Director of Economic Development	1	\$147,950
24	(9) Director of Institutional Research	1	\$132,733
25	(10) Counselor	3	\$127,508
26	(11) Coord. of Cont. Educ. & Business Outreach	1	\$122,249
27	(12) Registrar	1	\$122,249
28	(13) Director of Financial Aid	1	\$122,005
29	(14) Dean of Students	1	\$121,484
30	(15) Project/Program Administrator	44	
31	Project/Program Director		\$120,919
32	Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
33	Project/Program Specialist		\$91,408
34	(16) Dir. of Public Relations & Marketing	1	\$119,967
35	(17) Associate Provost	1	\$119,881
36	(18) Director of Distance Learning	1	\$119,881

1	(19)	Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance	1	\$119,881
2	(20)	Controller	1	\$117,181
3	(21)	Director of Physical Plant	1	\$113,103
4	(22)	Investment Manager	1	\$113,103
5	(23)	Director of Police & Public Safety	1	\$113,102
6	(24)	Director of Sys. Prog. & Database Svcs.	1	\$112,791
7	(25)	Director of Admissions	1	\$111,453
8	(26)	Director of Academic Advising	1	\$108,118
9	(27)	Senior Associate Registrar	1	\$106,166
10	(28)	Administrator of Grants and Contracts	1	\$105,720
11	(29)	Coordinator of Career Services	1	\$104,457
12	(30)	Coord. of Learning Assistance Center	1	\$93,418
13	(31)	Fiscal Support Pool	8	
14		Fiscal Support Manager		\$92,082
15		Fiscal Support Supervisor		\$75,685
16		Accountant II		\$72,774
17		Accountant I		\$69,975
18		Fiscal Support Analyst		\$67,284
19		Fiscal Support Specialist		\$59,815
20		Accounting Technician		\$55,302
21		Fiscal Support Technician		\$51,130
22	(32)	Public Safety Pool	11	
23		HE Public Safety Commander III		\$90,223
24		Director Public Safety I		\$88,541
25		HE Public Safety Commander II		\$86,753
26		HE Public Safety Commander I		\$83,416
27		HE Public Safety Supervisor		\$74,157
28		Public Safety Officer		\$71,305
29		Public Safety Officer II		\$65,925
30		Security Officer Supervisor		\$62,208
31		Public Safety/Security Officer		\$56,353
32		HE Public Safety Dispatcher		\$47,272
33		Parking Control Supv.		\$47,272
34		Security Officer		\$47,272
35		Parking Control Officer		\$45,455
36		Watchman		\$38,855

1	(33)	Associate Registrar	1	\$88,541
2	(34)	Procurement Coordinator	1	\$78,713
3	(35)	Academic Advisor	9	\$77,184
4	(36)	Student Services Representative	3	\$77,183
5	(37)	Skilled Trades Pool	10	
6		Skilled Trades Foreman		\$74,157
7		Skilled Trades Supervisor		\$71,305
8		Skilled Tradesman		\$68,562
9		Skilled Trades Helper		\$52,101
10		Apprentice Tradesman		\$46,319
11	(38)	Maintenance Coordinator	1	\$72,774
12	(39)	Administrative Support Pool	24	
13		Administrative Assistant		\$67,284
14		Administrative Analyst		\$67,284
15		Administrative Support Supervisor		\$62,208
16		Administrative Specialist III		\$59,815
17		Administration Support Specialist		\$59,815
18		Administrative Specialist II		\$53,175
19		Administrative Support Specialist		\$53,175
20		Administrative Specialist I		\$47,272
21		Extra Help Assistant		\$38,855
22	(40)	Assistant Registrar	3	\$67,284
23	(41)	Benefits Analyst	1	\$67,284
24	(42)	Library Support Pool	8	
25		Library Supervisor		\$67,284
26		Library Specialist		\$57,515
27		Library Technician		\$53,175
28		Library Support Assistant		\$49,164
29	(43)	Maintenance Supervisor	1	\$67,284
30	(44)	Purchasing Specialist	3	\$67,284
31	(45)	Payroll Services Specialist	1	\$67,284
32	(46)	Student Accounts Officer	2	\$67,284
33	(47)	Financial Aid Analyst	3	\$67,284
34	(48)	Human Resources Specialist	1	\$62,208
35	(49)	Records Management Analyst	1	\$62,208
36	(50)	Financial Aid Specialist	3	\$62,208

1	(51)	Student Recruitment Specialist	3	\$62,208
2	(52)	Landscape Supervisor	1	\$62,208
3	(53)	Maintenance Specialist	2	\$59,815
4	(54)	Payroll Technician	1	\$59,815
5	(55)	Purchasing Technician	1	\$59,815
6	(56)	Payroll Officer	1	\$55,302
7	(57)	Landscape Specialist	1	\$55,302
8	(58)	Student Account Specialist	3	\$55,302
9	(59)	Admissions Analyst	3	\$53,175
10	(60)	Inventory Control Technician	1	\$51,130
11	(61)	Maintenance Assistant	1	\$51,130
12	(62)	Mail Services Coordinator	1	\$49,164
13	(63)	Mail Services Assistant	1	\$45,455
14		<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
15		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
16	(64)	Division Chairperson	5	\$146,201
17	(65)	Director of Library Services	1	\$132,733
18	(66)	Instructor - Nursing & Allied Health	13	\$120,305
19	(67)	Special Instructor	15	\$111,362
20		<u>NINE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
21		<u>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</u>		
22	(68)	Faculty	181	\$111,362
23	(69)	Part-Time Faculty	347	\$56,046
24		<u>TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES</u>		
25		<u>POSITIONS</u>		
26	(70)	Project/Program Administrator	2	
27		Project/Program Director		\$120,919
28		Project/Program Manager		\$101,256
29		Project/Program Specialist		\$91,407
30	(71)	Director of Special Events	1	\$105,646
31	(72)	Special Events Coordinator	1	\$59,815
32	(73)	Special Events Worker	1	\$47,272
33	(74)	Food Service Pool	7	
34		Food Preparation Manager		\$64,696
35		Food Preparation Supervisor		\$57,515
36		Food Preparation Coordinator		\$51,130

1	Food Preparation Specialist		\$43,706
2	Food Preparation Technician		\$40,409
3	(75) Cashier	<u>2</u>	\$51,130
4	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	780	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: four hundred (400) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College, to be payable from the University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$14,958,104
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,500,000
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	10,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) FUNDED DEPRECIATION	500,000
(05) CONTINGENCY	<u>848,405</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$17,816,509</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated,

to the University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,500,000
(02) EXTRA HELP	2,000,000
(03) OVERTIME	50,000
(04) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	8,000,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	20,950,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	800,000
(C) PROF. FEES	3,000,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	3,000,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	6,500,000
(07) DEBT SERVICE	6,235,000
(08) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$56,135,000</u></u>

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

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

1 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
2 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
3 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
4 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
5 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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7 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
8 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
9 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
10 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
11 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
12 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
13 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
14 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
15 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
16 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
17 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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Technical Institutes

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H1/22/25

95th General Assembly

A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1133

By: Representatives Unger, Lundstrum

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NORTHWEST
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE; TO AUTHORIZE NORTHWEST TECHNICAL
INSTITUTE TO APPOINT A PRESIDENT WITH AN INDUSTRY
BACKGROUND; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE NORTHWEST TECHNICAL
INSTITUTE TO APPOINT A PRESIDENT WITH AN
INDUSTRY BACKGROUND; AND TO DECLARE AN
EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-43-505, concerning Northwest Technical
Institute, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) The Northwest Technical Institute may appoint a president who has
a background in industry in lieu of a background in education.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Northwest Technical
Institute plays an important role in the economy of the state by educating
many of the state's future technical industry workforce; that the Northwest
Technical Institute is currently searching for permanent leadership to lead
and guide this vital work; and that this act is immediately necessary because
current criteria limits who the Northwest Technical Institute can consider
for the open president position that needs to be filled as soon as possible



1 to ensure that the Northwest Technical Institute is able to continue serving
2 the state and educating the state's future technical industry workforce.
3 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
4 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
5 become effective on:

6 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

7 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
8 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
9 bill; or

10 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
11 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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13 /s/Unger
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

SENATE BILL 190

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION - NORTHWEST
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION - NORTHWEST
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE REAPPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION - NORTHWEST
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Department of Education - Division
of Higher Education - Northwest Technical Institute the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (A) of Section 1 of Act 113 of 2024, for transfers of or refund to
expenditures for balances for construction, renovation, major maintenance,
and purchase of equipment for various capital projects or facility
improvements, in a sum not to exceed\$1,000,000.

(B) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
in Item (B) of Section 1 of Act 113 of 2024, for transfers of or refund to
expenditures for capital balances for construction, renovation, major
maintenance, and purchase of equipment for various capital projects or



1 facility improvements, in a sum not to exceed\$499,039.

2 (C) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
3 in Item (C) of Section 1 of Act 113 of 2024, for Industrial Technology Center
4 construction, parking, equipment, and furnishings costs, in a sum not to
5 exceed\$36,307.

6 (D) Effective July 1, 2025, the balance of the appropriation provided
7 in Item (D) of Section 1 of Act 113 of 2024, for transfers of or refund to
8 expenditures for capital balances for construction, renovation, major
9 maintenance, and purchase of equipment for various capital projects or
10 facility improvements, in a sum not to exceed\$11,362.

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12 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
13 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
14 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
15 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
16 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
17 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
18 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
19 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
20 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
21 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
22 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
23 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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32 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
33 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
34 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
35 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
36 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

1 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
2 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
3 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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5 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
7 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
10 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
11 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
12 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
13 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
14 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
15 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1613

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION - DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION - NORTHWEST
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION - NORTHWEST
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Division of Higher
Education - Northwest Technical Institute, to be payable from the Development
and Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for transfers of or refund to expenditures for balances for
construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment for
various capital projects or facility improvements, in a sum not to exceed
.....\$1,000,000.

SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and



1 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
2 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
3 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
4 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
5 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
6 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
7 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
8 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

9 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
10 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
11 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
12 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
13 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
14 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
15 otherwise by law.

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17 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
18 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
19 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
20 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
21 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
22 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
23 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
24 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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26 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
27 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
28 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
31 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
32 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
33 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
34 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
35 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
36 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

APPROVED: 3/18/25