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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 58

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, 2025; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate Fiscal Year
				2024-2025
(1)	U024U	DHE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE05
(2)	D022N	IT SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE IT09
(3)	D012C	DATABASE SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT08
(4)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08



(5)	D028C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT07
(6)	D016C SENIOR TECHNOLOGY ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
(7)	G281C ADE POLICY & SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
(8)	N002N DHE SENIOR ASSOC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
(9)	N069N ADE SPECIAL ADVISOR	1	GRADE GS14
(10)	N055N DHE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
(11)	A010C AGENCY CONTROLLER II	1	GRADE GS13
(12)	N054N DHE CAREER PATHWAYS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
(13)	N167N DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
(14)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
(15)	G058C DHE FEDERAL PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS11
(16)	E061C ACE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
(17)	G071C DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	6	GRADE GS10
(18)	E062C ACE PROGRAM ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS09
(19)	G102C DHE PROGRAM SPECIALIST	18	GRADE GS09
(20)	G080C NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SVCS EXEC. DIR.	1	GRADE GS09
(21)	G295C OSTEOPATHIC RURAL MED PROG ADMIN	1	GRADE GS09
(22)	P005C DHE COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(23)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(24)	G176C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
(25)	G214C GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(26)	A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(27)	G202C VOLUNTEER PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS06
(28)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE GS04
(29)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS03
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	54	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education for the 2024-2025 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: fifteen (15) 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 - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,160,509
(02) EXTRA HELP	75,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	710,349
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	959,346
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	24,659
(C) PROF. FEES	50,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT	
PROMOTION	<u>295,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,274,863</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 2024-2025 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$162,077
(02) EXTRA HELP	20,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	53,115
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	63,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	4,000
(C) PROF. FEES	6,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$308,192</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, for providing student assistance grants and various scholarships as provided by law of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Student Assistance Grants and Various Scholarships for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) ARKANSAS FUTURE GRANTS	\$5,000,000
(02) NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	1,400,000
(03) SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	175,000
(04) STATE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM	4,000,000
(05) TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM	2,500,000
(06) AR GEOGRAPHICAL CRITICAL NEEDS MINORITY TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS	150,000
(07) DEPENDENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ETC SCHOLARSHIPS	400,000
(08) DEPENDENTS OF POWS, MIAS,	

KIAS-TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIPS	1,500,000
(09) GOVERNOR'S HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	2,000,000
(10) SREB MINORITY DOCTORAL SCHOLARS	175,000
(11) WASHINGTON CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS	150,000
(12) TUITION ADJUSTMENT	350,000
(13) AR ACADEMIC CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIPS	25,000,000
(14) AR GOVERNOR'S SCHOLAR	22,000,000
(15) STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM (SURF)	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$64,950,000</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - TECHNICAL EDUCATION - FEDERAL PROGRAMS.

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 - Technical Education - Federal Programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$152,979
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	50,334
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	108,271
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	80,000
(C) PROF. FEES	157,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$548,584</u></u>

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

2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	
GRANTS	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH EDUCATION GRANTS AND LOANS. There is 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</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>\$7,117,770</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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>

(01) EXPENSES/CLAIMS/FEES \$300,000

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, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$280,701
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	89,796
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	80,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	60,000
(C) PROF. FEES	70,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) SELF SUFFICIENCY/JOB TRAINING GRANTS	6,821,431
(05) ENROLLMENT AND EDUCATION	<u>3,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,401,928</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, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) WEB BASED APPLICATIONS PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$1,000,000</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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$467,936
(02) EXTRA HELP	10,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	169,018
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	30,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,176,954</u></u>

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund, for workforce education grants, administrative and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ACT OF 2015 EXPENSES	<u><u>\$8,000,000</u></u>

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - VETERAN'S APPROVING AGENCY - 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 - Veteran's Approving Agency -

Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$217,507
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	80,343
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	53,546
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,623
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$361,019</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, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$314,152
(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	120,031
(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>\$965,983</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, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$2,010,704</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 and Scholarship Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(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 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RESIDENCY EXPANSION BOARD	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND

UNIVERSITIES GRANTS AND EXPANSES. 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) HBCU GRANTS AND EXPENSES	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - NURSING PROGRAM EXPANSION GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015 Fund, for grants for the expansion or creation of nursing programs at eligible institutions of higher education statewide by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) NURSING PROGRAM EXPANSION GRANTS	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

SECTION 24. 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) ARKANSAS TEACHER ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP	

PROGRAM \$12,000,000

*SECTION 25. 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, 2025, the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>		<i>FISCAL YEAR</i>
<i>NO.</i>		<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) LOANS		<u>\$4,555,985</u>

SECTION 26. REGULAR SALARIES - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. There is hereby established for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Northwest Technical Institute for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(1)	N227N	NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
(3)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
(4)	D068C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
(5)	E077C	NWTI AMMONIA REFRIGN TECH SPEC & TRG	1	GRADE GS13
(6)	E009C	TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS12
(7)	E071C	AMMONIA & INDUSTRIAL TRAINER	2	GRADE GS10
(8)	E013C	EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	5	GRADE GS10
(9)	E078C	NWTI BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS10
(10)	E022C	EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09

(11)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(12)	E018C SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL FACULTY	12	GRADE GS08
(13)	E027C CAREER & TECHNICAL FACULTY	29	GRADE GS07
(14)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
(15)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(16)	G144C TECHNICAL INSTITUTE PRG COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS07
(17)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(18)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
(19)	C035C ASST REGISTRAR	1	GRADE GS05
(20)	G218C STUDENT RECRUITMENT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
(21)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	5	GRADE GS04
(22)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(23)	A100C PAYROLL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS04
(24)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	4	GRADE GS03
(25)	S050C MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS03
(26)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS01
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	81	

SECTION 27. EXTRA HELP - NORTHWEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Northwest Technical Institute for the 2024-2025 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 28. 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM FISCAL YEAR

NO.	2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,585,355
(02) EXTRA HELP	516,673
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,312,847
(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>\$6,128,305</u>

SECTION 29. 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$50,322
(02) EXTRA HELP	245,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	39,236
(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>\$348,836</u>

SECTION 30. 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$967,161
(02) EXTRA HELP	556,450
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	477,508
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,394,530
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000
(C) PROF. FEES	375,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	200,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) RESALE	<u>325,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$4,310,649</u></u>

SECTION 31. 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 Committee. The transfers of positions, programs, or activities shall be used for those purposes for which the appropriations were approved by the General Assembly. The transfers, consolidations, or reorganizations which involve academic programs shall be reviewed by the Division of Higher Education prior to submission to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Provided, however, that the institution shall be limited to submitting no more than two (2) individual transaction transfer requests during any fiscal year and shall be further limited to no more than five percent (5%) of the total General Revenue and Special Revenue appropriation, funding, positions specific to

each institution, and no Tobacco Settlement funds or appropriations may be reallocated pursuant to this section.

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

DHE - WORK FORCE 2000 DEVELOPMENT FUND PROCEDURES. After the amounts to be made available to the various technical colleges have been determined as set out in Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B), such documents as may be necessary shall be processed so that funds may be transferred from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund to the State Treasury fund or fund account from which the technical college draws its general revenue support. Such funds as may be transferred shall not exceed 93.691% of the total funds available from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund during the fiscal year.

In the event that a technical institute or comprehensive lifelong learning center which receives support from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund as determined by law transfers or merges into the Arkansas Technical College and

Community College System for which Work Force 2000 Development Fund monies are determined by law, then the actual amount of support from the Work Force 2000 Development Fund in the preceding fiscal year for such educational institution shall be made available irrespective of any other provision of law which sets out maximum levels of support from such fund.

The funds distributed under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of those amounts collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall be deposited into the Skills Development Fund to be used only for personal services, grants, operation, support, and improvement of occupational, vocational, technical, and workforce development programs by the Department of Career Education - Office of Skills Development. The distributions of funds under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(C) in excess of those amounts collected and distributed prior to June 30, 2014 shall not apply to proceeds allocated to schools, colleges and educational institutions under Arkansas Code 26-51-205(d)(2)(A) and 26-51-205(d)(2)(B).

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

DHE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FUNDING. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer sufficient funding for the fiscal year from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account to the Division of Higher Education Fund Account in order to finance the personal services costs of a DHE Program Coordinator.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

DHE - CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATIONS - TRANSFERS AND REPORTS. (a) Upon approval by the Department of Education - Division of Higher Education and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, institutions of higher education may transfer appropriation from the cash contingency appropriation to any other appropriation made to the institution from cash funds including the establishment of commitment items, and may transfer appropriation from the contingency appropriation made payable from each institution's State Treasury Fund to the state operations appropriation made payable from each institution's State Treasury Fund including the establishment of commitment items, and may transfer appropriation from the contingency appropriation made

payable from the Tobacco Settlement Program Fund Accounts to any other appropriation made to the institution from Tobacco Settlement Program Fund Accounts including the establishment of commitment items.

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

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

DHE - STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROMOTION. Of the general revenue that is received by and distributed from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$295,000) to the Division of Higher Education Fund Account to be allocated, budgeted, committed and distributed to the Statewide Scholarship and Grant Promotion line item in the General Operations section of this Act for the purpose of increasing public awareness of the scholarships and grants offered by the State through the Arkansas Department of Education - Division of Higher Education. The Department shall utilize a minimum of one hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$147,500) of the aforementioned total specifically for the promotion of the Arkansas Futures Grant Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GOVERNOR'S HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. The Department of Education - Division of Higher Education shall provide for the administration of the "Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program" as appropriated in the Student Assistance Grants and Various Scholarships Appropriation section of this Act to assist students accepted into transitional programs for students with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities at state institutions of higher education and shall promulgate rules for the implementation of the program and for the disbursement of scholarships to eligible students.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

SECTION 41. 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, 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 42. 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 43. 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, 2024 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, 2024, 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, 2024.

*/s/ Joint Budget Committee*

**APPROVED: 5/3/24**