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January 2, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Jeffrey Wardlaw, Co-Chair  
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 26 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 1017 of 2025 (3), as amended, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of the following Restricted Reserve Funds:

1. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Program – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$32,000,000
2. Department of Energy and Environment – Environmental Quality Division – Used Tire Program – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$2,500,000

Sincerely,

James L. Hudson  
Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education*

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**Jacob Oliva**  
Secretary

December 1, 2025

**Stacy Smith**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> St  
Little Rock, AR 72201

**State Board of  
Education**

**Adrienne Woods**  
*Bentonville*  
Chair

Dear Secretary Hudson,

The Arkansas Department of Education requests \$32,000,000 from the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund.

**Lisa Hunter**  
*White Hall*  
Vice Chair

Every Arkansas family deserves access to the best possible school options for their children. The Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Program empowers parents to choose a school based on students' individual needs. This funding will allow the division to fund EFA accounts for all students in the 2025-2026 school year.

**Dr. Gary Arnold**  
*Little Rock*

**Randy Henderson**  
*Blytheville*

Sincerely,

**Jeff Wood**  
*Little Rock*

Greg Rogers  
CFO, Arkansas Department of Education

**Ken Bragg**  
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December 30, 2025

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Secretary Hudson,

The Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), requests a transfer of Restricted Reserve Funds totaling \$2,500,000 from the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside authorized in Section 3(a)(18) of Act 561 of 2023.

This funding will be used to supplement future used tire program reimbursements as needed and other costs associated with the used tire program. This funding will not be used to reimburse or remediate any tires at the Jefferson County processing facility.

Business Area: 0930  
Functional Area: COMM  
Funds Center: BC1  
Fund: NEQ0600

Pending your approval of this request, I ask that you schedule this item for consideration at the next ALC-PEER meeting. If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.E. Khoury'.

Shane E. Khoury  
Secretary