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Senator Kim Hammer, Co-Chair
Representative Aaron Pilkington, Co-Chair
PEER-Review Subcommittee
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State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY26 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 Higher Education - Teacher Academy Scholarship Program -Teacher Academy Scholarship Set-Aside \$12,000,000.00
- 2. Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Facilities Partnership Program - Educational Facilities Set-Aside \$35,000,000.00
- 3. Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Economic Stimulus Programs Set-Aside \$25,000,000.00

Sincerely,

James L. Hudson
Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)



Division of Higher Education

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Secretary

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March 2, 2026

Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
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Dear Mr. Hudson,

Pursuant to the provisions of A.C.A. §19-27-317, ADHE is requesting the release of funds from the Restricted Reserve Fund Set-Aside allocated in Act 561 of 2023 Section 3(8) and carried forward in Act 1017 of 2025 Section 3(6)(B) to provide for the following Higher Education Grants Fund appropriation delineated in Act 610 of 2025:

Arkansas Division of Higher Education

Teacher Academy Scholarship Program - \$12,000,000

This funding release will provide for the distribution of scholarships from the Teacher Academy Scholarship Program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nicholas Fuller
Assistant Commissioner for Finance



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education

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Jacob Oliva
Secretary
March 4, 2026

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Dear Secretary Hudson,

Arkansas public school districts support the education of over 465,000 students each year. It is the state's responsibility to provide students with education facilities suitable for teaching. Studies have found significant correlation between poor structural conditions and low student achievement.

The Arkansas Department of Education requests \$35,000,000 from the Education Facilities Set Aside of the Restricted Reserve fund pursuant to Act 1017 of 2025, Section 3 for the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Facilities Partnership Program.

The program is a financial partnership between the state and public school districts to share the cost of school facilities construction and major renovations. Every two years, school districts have the opportunity to apply for state financial participation for projects that support their facilities master plan. This funding will allow the division to partner with schools, conversions of existing space, and renovations such as replacements of roofs, HVAC, electrical, plumbing or structural system.

Sincerely,

Greg Rogers
CFO, Arkansas Department of Education



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March 16, 2026

Jim Hudson
Secretary
Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
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RE: FY26 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Request

Dear Secretary Hudson:

Pursuant to Act 1017 of 2025, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) requests a funds transfer, totaling \$25,000,000, from the Economic Stimulus Programs Set-Aside as authorized in Section 3(a)(8) of Act 1017 of 2025. This appropriation will be used by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for Site Infrastructure Grants and Economic Stimulus activities throughout the state.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hugh McDonald".

Hugh McDonald
Secretary