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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 64

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 - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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

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

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

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	U032U AR	PBS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	U087U AR	PBS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
(4)	D054C	COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05



(5)	D061C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORD SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT05
(6)	D056C SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST	3	GRADE IT05
(7)	D036C AR PBS WEBSITE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT04
(8)	D068C INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
(9)	D066C DIGITAL BROADCAST SPECIALIST	8	GRADE IT03
(10)	D083C DIGITAL BROADCAST TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE IT02
(11)	A013N AR PBS ADMIN. & FINANCE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
(12)	B007N AR PBS ENGINEERING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS13
(13)	E070C AR PBS HEAD OF AUDIENCE	1	GRADE GS13
(14)	A021C AGENCY CONTROLLER I	1	GRADE GS12
(15)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
(16)	E003C AR PBS EDUCATION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
(17)	E002C AR PBS MARKETING & ENGAGEMENT DIR	1	GRADE GS11
(18)	S002C AR PBS OPERATIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
(19)	P001C AR PBS PRODUCTION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
(20)	E001C AR PBS PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
(21)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(22)	E063C AR PBS EXTERNAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS10
(23)	E013C EDUCATION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
(24)	B018C SENIOR BROADCAST ENGINEER	3	GRADE GS10
(25)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(26)	P007C AR PBS CHIEF POST PRODUCTION EDITOR	1	GRADE GS09
(27)	E022C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION MANAGER	2	GRADE GS09
(28)	P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(29)	E026C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS08
(30)	E031C EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(31)	R014C PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(32)	V007C PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
(33)	P009C TELEVISION PRODUCTION MANAGER	4	GRADE GS08
(34)	A089C ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE GS07
(35)	E048C EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS07
(36)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
(37)	P013C PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(38)	P012C TELEVISION PRODUCER	13	GRADE GS07
(39)	P008C TELEVISION PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS07
(40)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06

(41)	P023C BROADCAST PROMOTION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
(42)	R025C HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(43)	P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
(44)	P017C TELEVISION PRODUCTION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
(45)	S039C TELEVISION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
(46)	P042C BROADCAST PRODUCTION SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS05
(47)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS05
(48)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04
(49)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	93	

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

EXTRA HELP – STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division – State Operations for the ~~2024-2025~~ 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 (5) 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, for the appropriate classification. Many of these positions are related to specific projects, and those positions so related are specifically exempt from limitations of hours, either by act or regulation.

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

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Educational Television Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Educational Television Division - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,080,787
(02) EXTRA HELP	11,959

(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,477,338
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,445,387
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,015,471</u></u>

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

EXTRA HELP – CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division - Cash Operations for the ~~2024-2025~~ 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: forty-six (46) 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, for the appropriate classification. Many of these positions are related to specific projects, and those positions so related are specifically exempt from limitations of hours, either by act or regulation.

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

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. 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 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Educational Television Division - Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,309,409
(02) EXTRA HELP	366,930
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	491,700

(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	6,665,555
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	56,450
(C) PROF. FEES	600,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,500,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) GRANTS AND AID	40,000
(06) RESALE (COGS)	5,000
(07) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	<u>60,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$11,095,044</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, 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 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.