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HOUSE BILL 1054

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 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND FOR GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - DIVISION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 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 - Division of Career and Technical Education for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	EEA01C	EDUCATION DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC08
(2)	EES03P	EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL SUPV/EXP	1	GRADE SPC06
(3)	EES02P	EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL II	1	GRADE SPC04



(4)	FAU04P AUDITOR II	1	GRADE SPC02
(5)	EES01P EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL I	27	GRADE SPC02
(6)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS05
(7)	TIW04P INVENTORY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS05
(8)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS04
(9)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
(10)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
(11)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	5	GRADE SGS02
(12)	EEP03P EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	44	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDUCATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Vocational & Technical Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,751,293
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	610,507
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	617,825
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,446
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,995,071</u>

SECTION 3. EXTRA HELP - FEDERAL VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDUCATION. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Federal Vocational & Technical Education for the 2026-2027 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 (4) 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. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

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, and grants by the Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Federal Vocational & Technical Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$662,907
(02) EXTRA HELP	13,923
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	270,754
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,066,755
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	55,000
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) VOCATIONAL EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>16,740,680</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$18,910,019</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COORDINATED CAREER EDUCATION SERVICES.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for operating expenses and Coordinated Career Education Services - Special Needs Students Program grants and aid of the Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Coordinated Career Education Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
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(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$0
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	56,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) COORDINATED CAREER EDUCATION	
SERVICES-SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS	
PROGRAM GRANTS & AID	<u>1,063,433</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,119,433</u></u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - VOCATIONAL CENTER AID. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for Vocational Center Grants and Aid by the Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Vocational Center Aid for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) VOCATIONAL CENTER GRANTS AND AID	<u><u>\$23,240,092</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - VOCATIONAL START-UP GRANTS AND AID. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for Vocational Start-Up Grants and Aid of the Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Vocational Start-Up Grants and Aid for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) VOCATIONAL START-UP GRANTS AND AID	<u><u>\$4,740,000</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - CAREER COACHES PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Division of Career and Technical Education Public School Fund Account, for operating

expenses, Career Coaches grants and aid, and expenses by the Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Career Coaches Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$7,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	8,000
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) CAREER COACHES GRANTS AND AID	2,263,997
(03) CAREER COACHES EXPENSES	<u>2,947,542</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,226,539</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - MULTIPLE GRANT AWARD PROGRAMS. 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 expenses and grants of the Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Multiple Grant Award Programs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MULT GRANT AWARD	<u><u>\$900,000</u></u>

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CTE TEACHERS. 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 professional development costs for Career and Technical Education teachers of the Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education - Professional Development for CTE Teachers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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NO.	2026-2027
(01) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	<u>\$260,000</u>

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

FEDERAL MATCHING. The funds appropriated in Sections for Coordinated Career Education Services, Vocational Center Aid and Vocational Start-up Grants and Aid of this Act may also be used to match any available federal funds from any agency in order to provide the maximum amount of money possible for the purposes enumerated in such Section.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 12. 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 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, 2026 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, 2026 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, 2026.