

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 59

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, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION 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 - Educational Television Division 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)	EEX03A	AR PBS DIRECTOR	1	GRADE EXE02
<del>(2)</del>	<del>PPB01C</del>	<del>AR PBS DEPUTY DIRECTOR</del>	<del>1</del>	<del>GRADE SPC09</del>
(3)	FAC08C	CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER I	1	GRADE SPC09
(4)	EEP02C	EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC07



(5)	FAC10C CONTROLLER	1	GRADE SPC06
(6)	PPB02C AR PBS DIVISION DIRECTOR	8	GRADE SPC05
(7)	CMA02C MARKETING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC05
(8)	HDH06C HR MANAGER	1	GRADE SPC04
(9)	FAC03P ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC03
(10)	FAC01P ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE SPC01
(11)	EEP06P EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPV/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS10
(12)	PAS08I EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
(13)	CME01P BROADCAST EDITOR	2	GRADE SGS07
(14)	EEP03P EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(15)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
(16)	CME03P GRAPHIC ARTIST	2	GRADE SGS07
(17)	HDH05P HR COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS07
(18)	PPR02P PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
(19)	CME06P PRODUCER	17	GRADE SGS07
(20)	EEP05P EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	6	GRADE SGS06
(21)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE SGS05
(22)	CME04P MEDIA SPECIALIST	11	GRADE SGS05
(23)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS04
(24)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
(25)	CMA03P MARKETING SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS04
(26)	CME05P MEDIA TECHNICIAN	11	GRADE SGS04
(27)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE SGS03
(28)	IIA06C IT MANAGER	1	GRADE IST10
(29)	IAS08I WEBSITE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST05
(30)	IIS09P IT INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIALIST	3	GRADE IST04
(31)	IUS01P USER SUPPORT ANALYST	<u>2</u>	GRADE IST04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	92	

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 ~~2025-2026~~ 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: 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,029,233
(02) EXTRA HELP	11,959
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,461,745
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,631,949
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,134,886</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 ~~2025-2026~~ 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: 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,255,554
(02) EXTRA HELP	366,930
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	475,587
(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>\$11,025,076</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, 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.

*/s/ Joint Budget Committee*