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HOUSE BILL 1062

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND FOR THE  
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
16 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
25 Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind for the 2015-2016  
26 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2015-2016
32	(1) U030U	BLIND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	1	\$98,059
33	(2) E004C	SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	2	GRADE C126
34	(3) A038C	FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
35	(4) L040C	DIETARY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C120
36	(5) M088C	LICENSED MASTER SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE C120



1	(6)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	1	GRADE C120
2	(7)	E024C	TEACHER SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C120
3	(8)	S008C	CAMPUS MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C119
4	(9)	E035C	CERTIFIED MASTERS TEACHER	35	GRADE C119
5	(10)	D061C	INFO SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C119
6	(11)	L042C	SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	1	GRADE C119
7	(12)	R024C	ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C118
8	(13)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE C118
9	(14)	M024C	RESIDENTIAL SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE C118
10	(15)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE C117
11	(16)	E044C	CERTIFIED BACHELORS TEACHER	3	GRADE C117
12	(17)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE C115
13	(18)	A090C	PAYROLL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C115
14	(19)	S031C	SKILLED TRADESMAN	2	GRADE C115
15	(20)	S047C	LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C113
16	(21)	L069C	LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	2	GRADE C113
17	(22)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C113
18	(23)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	1	GRADE C112
19	(24)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C112
20	(25)	C058C	EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL	6	GRADE C111
21	(26)	M074C	RESIDENTIAL ADVISOR	13	GRADE C111
22	(27)	T084C	PUBLIC SAFETY SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE C110
23	(28)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	2	GRADE C109
24	(29)	S062C	INSTITUTIONAL BUS DRIVER	1	GRADE C109
25	(30)	E056C	TEACHER ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C109
26	(31)	S068C	FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE C108
27	(32)	V027C	INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE C108
28	(33)	S065C	MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE C108
29	(34)	C087C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	GRADE C106
30	(35)	S086C	COOK	6	GRADE C104
31	(36)	S087C	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES ASSISTANT	<u>4</u>	GRADE C103
32			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	106	

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34 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department  
 35 of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind for the 2015-2016 fiscal year,  
 36 the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known

1 as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:  
 2 seventeen (17) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay  
 3 not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation  
 4 Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 6 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 7 appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind,  
 8 to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for personal  
 9 services and operating expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas  
 10 School for the Blind - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
 11 2016, the following:

13 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
15 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,937,993
16 (02) EXTRA HELP	8,200
17 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,395,420
18 (04) OVERTIME	19,220
19 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,117,604
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	17,015
22 (C) PROF. FEES	99,000
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0
25 (06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	315,000
26 (07) VOCATIONAL WORKSTUDY	10,000
27 (08) SUMMER PROJECTS	<u>100,000</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,044,452</u></u>

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 30 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 31 appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind,  
 32 to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal  
 33 Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the  
 34 Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Federal Operations  
 35 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
3	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$53,349
4	(02) EXTRA HELP	15,000
5	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	23,025
6	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	227,712
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	61,382
9	(C) PROF. FEES	103,222
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	85,000
11	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$568,690</u></u>

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14         SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CASH OPERATIONS. There is hereby  
 15 appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind,  
 16 to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the  
 17 Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind, for operating  
 18 expenses of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind -  
 19 Cash Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
23	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
24	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$186,508
25	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	13,000
26	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
27	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
28	(E) DATA PROC.	0
29	(02) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>125,000</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$424,508</u></u>

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32         SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS. There is  
 33 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the  
 34 Blind, to be payable from the School for the Blind Fund Account, for  
 35 purchasing, copying, and shipping Braille and large print textbooks for the  
 36 blind and visually impaired students attending the public schools in Arkansas

1 by the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind - Braille and  
 2 Large Print Textbooks for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the  
 3 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS	<u>\$173,024</u>

9 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - BUILDING DEMOLITION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-  
 10 UP. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas  
 11 School for the Blind, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by  
 12 Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for  
 13 the Blind, for maintenance and general operating expenses related to the  
 14 demolition and environmental clean-up of the building located on the Blind  
 15 School Grounds that was formerly occupied by Easter Seals Arkansas for the  
 16 fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>\$450,000</u>

23 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 25 PROVISION. Upon approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the  
 26 Arkansas School for the Blind shall transfer appropriation from Item No.(08)  
 27 Summer Projects, in Section 3 of this Act, to Item No. (01) through Item No.  
 28 (05) in Section 3 of this Act, to compensate staff who work during the summer  
 29 months on summer projects, and to cover other expenses of summer project  
 30 activities. The Summer Projects line item may also be used for the annual  
 31 cost related to the compensation of eligible staff for shift differential pay  
 32 as well as compensation of employees for performance of duties assigned as  
 33 referenced in Section 9 of this Act. Such additional compensation shall not  
 34 be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
 36 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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2 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL  
4 ALLOWANCE. The Arkansas Schools for the Deaf and Blind may make special  
5 allowances available to any employee who performs one of the following duties  
6 in addition to their normal duties:

- 7 1) Teaching adult education classes, parent training, student tutorial  
8 services on weekends or evenings  
9 2) Coaching one or more sports  
10 3) Sponsoring a club or organization that involves additional hours  
11 outside of the normal working day  
12 4) Interpretive Services

13 Compensation for additional duties may not exceed \$3,500 per school term for  
14 any one employee during each fiscal year. Such pay shall not be construed as  
15 exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said position.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
17 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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19 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
20 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

21 ADDITIONAL SALARY/COMPENSATION PROVISION. No employee drawing a salary or  
22 other form of compensation from the Arkansas Schools for the Deaf or Blind  
23 shall be paid an additional salary or receive additional compensation, other  
24 than reimbursement for actual expenses, from that agency, nor from any other  
25 agency or institution of higher education, except from the Superintendent's  
26 written certification to and approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
27 State that the work performed by the employee for the other position does not  
28 interfere with the proper and required performance of the employee's primary  
29 duties, and that the combined salary payments from both positions will not  
30 exceed the maximum annual salary for whichever of the two positions has the  
31 higher authorized maximum annual salary.

32 Any employee knowingly violating the provisions of this section shall be  
33 subject to immediate termination and shall be barred from employment by any  
34 agency or institution of the State of Arkansas for a period of not less than  
35 three (3) years or until such employee shall repay to the State of Arkansas  
36 any sums received by such employee in violation of this section, together

1 with interest at a rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
 3 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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 5 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BRAILLE  
 7 AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS. The State Board of Education shall make reasonable  
 8 rules and regulations to implement the Braille and Large Print Textbooks  
 9 appropriation and is hereby authorized to negotiate directly with publishers  
 10 of Braille and Large Print Textbooks for the purchase of such textbooks. The  
 11 Arkansas School for the Blind (ASB) is authorized to use funds from this  
 12 account for costs associated with providing Braille Textbooks and Large Print  
 13 Textbooks to public schools.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
 15 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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 17 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SUMMER  
 19 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. Employees who, in addition to working during the regular  
 20 school term, also work during summer months shall be authorized as additional  
 21 compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their annual salary for each  
 22 month or part thereof worked. Such additional compensation shall not be  
 23 construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.  
 24 Payment of additional compensation shall be limited to employees in the  
 25 following classifications:

SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS	GRADE
Certified Bachelor's Teacher	C117
<u>Licensed Social Worker</u>	<u>C118</u>
<u>Licensed Professional Counselor</u>	<u>C119</u>
Certified Masters Teacher	C119
<u>Licensed Master Social Worker</u>	<u>C120</u>
Teacher Supervisor	C120
Educational Specialist	C120
Assistant Principal	C123

35 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
 36 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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2 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CERTIFIED  
4 MASTERS OR BACHELOR TEACHERS ENTERING STATE SERVICE. Upon the  
5 superintendent's certification to the State Personnel Administrator of prior  
6 service at an educational institution, the salary of teachers entering state  
7 service as teachers for the sensory impaired may be adjusted to a rate of pay  
8 closest to but not less than the annual salary they would have received from  
9 their previous employer, effective upon employment at ASB.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
11 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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13 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TEACHER  
15 SALARY INCREASE. In the event that an act is enacted in which the public  
16 schools receive funds from the General Assembly to raise the salaries of  
17 teachers employed in the public school districts, the Arkansas School for the  
18 Deaf and the Arkansas School for the Blind shall be included.

19 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
20 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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22 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL  
24 RATES OF PAY. Due to the need to meet the minimum compensation schedule as  
25 established by Act 74 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session of the 84th General  
26 Assembly, or its successor, for public school teachers, counselors, and  
27 librarians and other education professionals as listed in subsection (a)  
28 below, the Arkansas School for the Blind is authorized to adjust current or  
29 new employees to at least the minimum level of compensation for public school  
30 employees.

31 For current or new employees in the positions listed in subsection (a)  
32 below, the Arkansas School for the Blind may implement salary adjustments to  
33 maintain equity between their teacher salaries and those of Central Arkansas  
34 Public School Systems only after a plan for determining and implementing  
35 those adjustments has been reviewed by the Office of Personnel Management and  
36 by the Personnel Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council and approved

1 by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

2 For purposes of implementing the plan, the Arkansas School for the Blind  
 3 is authorized special rates of pay up to the maximum of the assigned grade  
 4 for classifications listed in subsection (a) below.

5 (a) TITLE	GRADE
6 Certified Bachelor's Teacher	C117
7 Certified Masters Teacher	C119
8 Certified Masters Degree Librarian	C119
9 Education Counselor	C119
10 School Speech Pathologist	C119
11 Teacher Supervisor	C120
12 Educational Specialist	C120
13 Assistant Principal	C123
14 School Principal	C126

15 Funding for the minimum compensation provided for in this section that  
 16 is supported in whole or in part from general revenues, shall, if required,  
 17 be provided by a transfer from the Merit Adjustment Fund to the proper fund  
 18 or fund account and in such amounts as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer  
 19 of the State. The Arkansas School for the Blind shall, in addition to the  
 20 funds provided in this Act for Annual Career Service Recognition Payments  
 21 from the Merit Adjustment Fund, make available any funding generated from  
 22 agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as  
 23 provided by law.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
 25 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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 27 SECTION 16. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
 28 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
 29 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
 30 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
 31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
 32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
 33 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
 34 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
 35 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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1 SECTION 17. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
3 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
4 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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10 SECTION 18. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
11 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
12 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
15 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
16 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
18 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
19 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.  
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