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BROADBAND FACILITIES MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM - ~~RESTRICTIONS AND MATCHING FUNDS. (i) The appropriation in this Act for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program shall not be used for Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network (AREON) or Middle Mile Connectivity.~~

(ii) The funds appropriated for state match for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program in this Act shall be paid on a one-to-one state/local matching basis.

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

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Any unexpended balance of monies allocated for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program remaining on June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016, in the Department of Education Public School Fund Account shall be designated and retained for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program.

Any carry forward of unexpected balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in item (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose, etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall

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include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

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MANDATORY FUNDING PROVISION. The Department of Education ~~shall~~ may expend or have committed for expenditure funds in the Department of Education Public School Fund Account in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to provide funding for grants and aid to local school districts for the International Baccalaureate Program as appropriated herein, if funds are available.

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FUND ALLOCATION. The appropriation for the Isolated Funding line item in Section 1 of this Act may be fully funded. Any funding and appropriation for Isolated Funding that is not utilized shall be transferred to the appropriation for Special Needs Isolated Funding in Section 1 of this Act and shall be used there for fully funding each subsection (c) through (f) of Arkansas Code §6-20-604 on a pro rata basis until the available funds are exhausted. Pro rata basis is defined as providing each district qualifying for additional funding under subsections (c) through (f) a proportionate share based on how each district's additional funding amount bears to the total additional funding amounts for all qualifying districts. If any funding and appropriation remains after funding each subsection (c) through (f) of Arkansas Code §6-20-604 the remaining balance shall be used to fund the provisions of Arkansas Code §6-20-604 (h) on an equal basis until the available funds are exhausted.

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GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS. For the purposes of distributing the Grants To School Districts appropriation in Section 1 of this Act, "school district" means a school district which contracts with a school district in an adjoining state for the education of some of the pupils within the Arkansas school district because the portion of the school district wherein such pupils live is completely separated from the remainder of the school district by a reservoir covering at least 12,000 acres at normal water level, and where to attend school in their own district, the pupils of said portion would be required to travel or to be transported a distance (measured by the nearest highway or road route) of more than 35 miles round trip and pass through another school district or districts. The Department of Education shall distribute the monies appropriated for Grants to School Districts in Section 1 of this Act to such school districts as reimbursement for expenses incurred in educating the pupils residing in the separated portion of the school district. The payments are to be limited to the amount of available appropriation. Such school districts shall file a request for reimbursement with the Department of Education and provide the Department of Education with such documentation as is deemed necessary.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES. The funds appropriated in the line item "Special Education Services" in Section 1 of this Act shall be used to provide extended year summer programs for handicapped students in need of such services, to provide special education services to foster children who are wards of the State, and to provide funds for the payment of salaries of special education supervisors. The Department of Education shall distribute such funds in the manner necessary to carry out the intent of this Section.

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DESEGREGATION EXPENSES. (A) For the fiscal year ending June 30, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the Department of Education shall from time to time as needed, certify to the State Treasurer and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the amount of funds disbursed or approved to be disbursed by the Department of Education for desegregation expenses under any "Desegregation Settlement Agreement". Upon the receipt of such certification, the State Treasurer, after making those deductions as set out in Arkansas Code 19-5-202(b)(2)(B), shall also deduct from the net general revenues the amount certified and transfer this amount to the Department of Education Public School Fund Account there to be used exclusively for payment of or reimbursement for expenses incurred from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account under any "Desegregation Settlement Agreement".

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CONSOLIDATION INCENTIVE. The appropriation contained herein for Consolidation Incentive shall be allocated in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education.

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RESIDENTIAL CENTERS/JUVENILE DETENTION. The funds appropriated herein for Residential Centers/Juvenile Detention shall be allocated in accordance with rules and regulations established by the State Board of Education.

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TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Commissioner of the Department of Education, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and after approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, is hereby authorized to request necessary appropriation transfers and any other budget related adjustments necessary within the Department of Education. Provided, however, that the Department of Education shall be limited to submitting no more than two transfer requests during any fiscal year.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Department of Education may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Commissioner of the Department of Education authorizing broad powers under the Transfer Authority provision herein. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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AETN DOCUMENTED QUIZ BOWL COSTS. Of the total amount of appropriation and funds authorized herein to the Department of Education for the Quiz Bowl each fiscal year, an amount not to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) each fiscal year may be made available to the Department of Education - Educational Television Division for its documented costs associated with the Quiz Bowl.

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INTERVENTION BLOCK GRANTS FUNDING RESTRICTION. The Department of Education shall make available from the Intervention Block Grants appropriation authorized by this Act, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal year for the annual expenses of the Quiz Bowl, thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) each fiscal year for Creativity in Arkansas, Inc. for grants up to \$1,000 each for students and chaperones, thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) each fiscal year for Destination Imagination, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) each fiscal year for the State History Day Competition, and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) each fiscal year for a grant to the Arkansas Science Fair Association for grants to regional and the state science fairs. The Department of Education shall allocate General Revenue funding totaling no less than three hundred two thousand dollars (\$302,000) each fiscal year from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account to support the annual expenses of the Quiz Bowl, the Creativity in Arkansas, Inc. for grants up to \$1,000 each for students and chaperones, Destination Imagination, the State History Day Competition, and the Arkansas Science Fair Association for grants to regional and state science fairs. The Department shall either expend or have committed for expenditure the monies allocated for the Quiz Bowl, Creativity in Arkansas, Inc., Destination Imagination, the State History Day Competition, and Arkansas Science Fair Association grants as authorized herein in order to fulfill the provisions of this section.

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EAST FUNDING PROVISION. Of the total amount appropriated for Technology Grants each fiscal year, an amount of not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) or eighteen percent (18%), whichever is greater each fiscal year, shall be awarded through a grant or professional services contract for EAST infrastructure, personnel, and operating expenses. The EAST infrastructure grant or contract for personal services and operating expenses shall be awarded to an entity that has personnel or experience, or both, in implementing the EAST Initiative.

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Of the total appropriation authorized by this Act for Technology Grants the Department of Education shall make available one hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars (\$187,575) each fiscal year for Center for Quality Teaching and Learning initiatives to teach students computer repair in a hands-on environment. The Department of Education shall allocate General Revenue funding totaling no less than one hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars (\$187,575) each fiscal year from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account to support the Center for Quality Teaching and Learning. The Department shall either expend or have committed for expenditure the monies allocated for the Center for Quality Teaching and Learning in order to fulfill the provisions of this section.

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DISTRESSED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORT. The funds appropriated in the line item "Distressed School District Support" in Section 1 of this Act may be used for technical assistance offered by the Department of Education to school districts in academic distress that can include, but is not limited to, teacher specialists, principal specialists, and other personnel assigned by the department. These funds may also be used for alternative research-based technical assistance or programs. Criteria for selecting and approving alternative research-based technical assistance or programs are to be promulgated as a rule by the State Board of Education, provided that alternative staffing and/or compensation programs for teachers shall be approved by at least a majority of the teachers in the school, schools, or school district participating in the program.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. Of the total amount appropriated for Professional Development Funding, four million dollars (\$4,000,000) may be authorized by the Commissioner of the Department of Education to be used by the Department of Education to develop and implement statewide professional development support systems for teachers that will benefit student achievement.

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RETIREMENT MATCHING. Beginning with the 1996-97 school year, Local School Districts shall pay the teacher retirement employer contribution rate for any eligible employee in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Teacher Retirement Board of Directors. The appropriation contained herein for Teacher Retirement Matching each fiscal year shall be used to provide the employer matching for employees of the Cooperative Education Services Areas, Vocational Centers, Arkansas Easter Seals and the school operated by the Department of Correction.

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OPEN-ENROLLMENT VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL PROVISIONS.

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(a)(1) Regardless of any provision of law to the contrary, a school district or public charter school shall remit to the Department of Education the foundation funding amount for the ~~2014~~ 2015 ~~-2015~~ 2016 school year and each school year thereafter for a student who is counted in the school district's or public charter school's average daily membership for the previous school year but who is attending an open-enrollment public virtual charter school that uses internet, long-distance, or virtual technology as the primary method of teaching.

(2)(A) Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, for each new student enrolled pursuant to subdivision (d) of this section, an open-enrollment public virtual charter school shall:

(i) Maintain a record of each school district the newly enrolled student attended by quarter in the school year immediately before enrolling in the open-enrollment public virtual charter school; and

(ii) Update the record maintained in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section quarterly.

(B) Quarterly, beginning April 1, 2014, an open-enrollment public virtual charter school shall submit to the department a copy of all records required under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.

(3) Beginning April 1, 2014, an open-enrollment public virtual charter school shall not receive per-student state foundation funding aid for a new student enrolled pursuant to subdivision (d) of this section if the open-enrollment public virtual charter school does not maintain and submit the record required in subdivision (a)(2) of this section.

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(b) As of school year 2012-13, the State Board of Education has approved a maximum enrollment of 500 for the open-enrollment public virtual charter school.

(c) Beginning in school year 2013-14 and thereafter, for an open-enrollment public charter granted to a virtual school, the school may enroll an eligible student in any grade, kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12), up to a total school enrollment of three thousand (3,000) students.

(d)(1) A student is eligible to enroll in the additional two thousand five hundred (2,500) slots authorized by subsection (c) of this section if the student was enrolled in an Arkansas public school, other than an open-enrollment public virtual charter school, for the first three quarters of the prior school year.

(2) Subdivision (d)(1) does not apply to a student who is enrolling in kindergarten.

(e) A student who is enrolled in an open-enrollment public virtual charter school on or before January 1, 2014 is presumed to be legally enrolled.

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

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BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. The Department of Education is hereby authorized to expend a maximum of two percent (2%) of available funds for administration of the Better Chance Program. Up to 1.8% of available funds shall be used to administer the program and to monitor program grantees to ensure compliance with programmatic standards. Prior to the utilization of the remaining 0.2% of available funds, the Department of Education shall seek prior review and approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee by providing a written request to include the following: a) the Department's reason(s) for the use of the funds and b) the amount of funds that will be expended. The Department may contract with the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education to administer the program.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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AVERAGE TEACHER SALARY. The Arkansas Department of Education is requested to calculate Average Teacher Salary in the Department's Annual Statistical Report to not include extra duty funds. Specifically, the Department is requested to calculate the Average Teacher Salary amount using the National Education Association definitions for Average Salary for Classroom Teachers. The Arkansas Department of Education shall submit this data annually to the National Education Association in accordance with that organization's deadlines for submission for their report "Rankings and Estimates" which includes state-by-state teacher salary comparisons.

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CARRY FORWARD. Any unexpended balance of monies allocated for the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program remaining on June 30, ~~2014~~ 2016, in the Department of Education Public School Fund Account shall be designated and retained for the Arkansas Better Chance for School Success Program.

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2014~~ 2016 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

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(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE. The Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration may use up to eleven dollars and twenty cents (\$11.20) from each contribution made under Arkansas Code §6-17-1117 (a) to offset the cost of health insurance premiums to eligible members electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance program as a retiree.

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ARKANSAS/STRIVE PROGRAM TRANSFER. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State Treasurer and the State Auditor, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) during each fiscal year from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Fund, specifically to provide funding for the Arkansas/STRIVE Program. The total amount of funds transferred each fiscal year pursuant to this section shall not be subject to any indirect costs by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

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HEALTH INSURANCE. The appropriation contained herein for Public School Employee Insurance each fiscal year shall be used to provide the state contribution for insurance premiums for employees of the Cooperative Education Services Areas, Vocational Centers, and the school operated by the Department of Correction who participate in the Arkansas Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

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ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. The Department of Education may provide funding for Alternative Learning Environment Programs in excess of the regulatory limitation of six (6) hours per day for those programs that operate more than twelve hours per day, in a proportionate manner and upon special request to the Department of Education.

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STATE FUND RESTRICTIONS. No state funds shall be used for abortion referral in public schools, or for abortion services. Funds shall be expended in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated §6-18-703.

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ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDING PROVISION. Effective for the plan year beginning October 1, ~~2013~~ 2015, if ninety-eight percent (98%) of the uniform rate of tax used in the calculation of State Foundation Funding Aid for fiscal year ~~2013-2014~~ 2015-2016 exceeds nine hundred twenty million seven hundred thirty-one thousand eight hundred nineteen dollars (\$920,731,819), the Department of Education shall pay up to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) of the total increase over the nine hundred twenty million seven hundred thirty-one thousand eight hundred nineteen dollars (\$920,731,819) to the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration in additional health insurance contributions for eligible employees electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance program administered by the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board.

The Department of Education shall make the contributions by transferring funds to the division in quarterly installments. Funds provided by the Department of Education to the division under this section shall be administered by the board for the benefit of the employee participants of the public school employees' health insurance program.

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ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FUNDING. The Department of Education shall allocate, budget and commit for expenditure two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), in addition to funds already being provided for the Arkansas Governor's School, to fund the appropriation authorized from general revenue for the Gifted and Talented program as appropriated in Section 1 herein. With this additional funding the duration of the Arkansas Governor's School shall be extended from four (4) weeks to six (6) weeks.

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~~ISOLATED FUNDING — SPECIAL PROVISIONS. When the Department of Education uses a new methodology or technology to recalculate square miles to determine student transportation distance, density ratio, total area, or bus route miles for the purpose of determining the amount of isolated funding a school district receives under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-601 et seq., the school district shall receive an amount of isolated funding that is not less than the amount of isolated funding the school district would have received based on the school district's square miles calculated in the prior school year; provided that the school district remains eligible for isolated funding under § 6-20-601 et seq.~~

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