

**2015 - 2017 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT**

**0510 Blind, Arkansas School for the**

**ACT#: 193**

**SECTION#: 8**

**CURRENT SPECIAL LANGUAGE (WITH AGENCY REQUEST)**

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Blind shall transfer appropriation from Item No.(08) Summer Projects, in Section 3 of this Act, to Item No. (01) through Item No. (05) in Section 3 of this Act, to compensate staff who work during the summer months on summer projects, and to cover other expenses of summer project activities. The Summer Projects line item may also be used for the annual cost related to the compensation of eligible staff for shift differential pay as well as compensation of employees for performance of duties assigned as referenced in Section 9 of this Act. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees.

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**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

SPECIAL ALLOWANCE. The Arkansas Schools for the Deaf and Blind may make special allowances available to any employee who performs one of the following duties in addition to their normal duties:

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

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

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**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

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

Any employee knowingly violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to immediate termination and shall be barred from employment by any agency or institution of the State of Arkansas for a period of not less than three (3) years or until such employee shall repay to the State of Arkansas any sums received by such employee in violation of this section, together with interest at a rate of ten percent (10%) per annum.

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**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

~~SHARED SERVICES. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the State Treasurer are authorized to establish a joint paying account in the State Treasury, upon direction of the Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf. The Board may transfer positions, funds and appropriations to the paying account from either school to serve both schools in the areas of Accounting, Personnel, Inventory, Safety and Health Services.~~

~~—Funding and appropriations for this account will be from transfers from the fund accounts and appropriations of each agency and shall be divided proportionately from each agency based on student population. Said funds shall be payable from the joint account as if the positions and other budgetary line items of appropriation had originally been established in the joint account. Supervision of this account and supervision of the positions within may come from either school as determined by the Board of Trustees.~~

~~—The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2013 2015 through June 30, 2014 2016.~~

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**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

BRAILLE AND LARGE PRINT TEXTBOOKS. The State Board of Education shall make reasonable rules and regulations to implement the Braille and Large Print Textbooks appropriation and is hereby authorized to negotiate directly with publishers of Braille and Large Print Textbooks for the purchase of such textbooks. The Arkansas School for the Blind (ASB) is authorized to use funds from this account for costs associated with providing Braille Textbooks and Large Print Textbooks to public schools.

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**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES. Employees who, in addition to working during the regular school term, also work during summer months shall be authorized as additional compensation an amount not to exceed 1/12 of their annual salary for each month or part thereof worked. Such additional compensation shall not be construed as exceeding the maximum salary authorized for said employees. Payment of additional compensation shall be limited to employees in the following classifications:

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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

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**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

CERTIFIED MASTERS OR BACHELOR TEACHERS ENTERING STATE SERVICE. Upon the superintendent's certification to the State Personnel Administrator of prior service at an educational institution, the salary of teachers entering state service as teachers for the sensory impaired may be adjusted to a rate of pay closest to but not less than the annual salary they would have received from their previous employer, effective upon employment at ASB. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2016.

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TEACHER SALARY INCREASE. In the event that an act is enacted in which the public schools receive funds from the General Assembly to raise the salaries of teachers employed in the public school districts, the Arkansas School for the Deaf and the Arkansas School for the Blind shall be included.

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SPECIAL RATES OF PAY. Due to the need to meet the minimum compensation schedule as established by Act 74 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session of the 84th General Assembly, or its successor, for public school teachers, counselors, and librarians and other education professionals as listed in subsection (a) below, the Arkansas School for the Blind is authorized to adjust current or new employees to at least the minimum level of compensation for public school employees.

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

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

(a) TITLE	GRADE
Certified Bachelor's Teacher	C117
Certified Masters Teacher	C119
Certified Masters Degree Librarian	C119
Education Counselor	C119
School Speech Pathologist	C119
Teacher Supervisor	C120
Educational Specialist	C120

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Assistant Principal C123

School Principal C126

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

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2013~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2014~~ 2016.