

2023 - 2025 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT

0500 DOE - Public School Academic Facilities & Transportation

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TRANSFER AUTHORITY - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM. The Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation is authorized to transfer any funds that are made available for the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Program, including funds from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, to the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Fund.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

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TRANSFER AUTHORITY. The Director of the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, 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 only for the appropriations authorized in this Act. Furthermore, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation be able to make use of additional contractual services as necessary and that transfers between line items and among appropriations are anticipated to accomplish those purposes. Provided, however, that the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation 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 - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Director of the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation authorizing broad powers under the Transfer Authority

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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 of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

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