

2023 - 2025 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LANGUAGE IN APPROPRIATION ACT

0510 DOE - School for the Blind

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EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - TRANSFER PROVISION. Upon approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the Arkansas School for the Blind shall transfer appropriation from the Summer Projects line item, in the State Operations Appropriation of this Act, to the Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Personal Services Matching, Overtime and Maintenance & General Operations line items in the State Operations Appropriation 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 the Special Allowance Special Language Section 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 LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-43-116 is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

6-43-116. Special allowance.

(a) The Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf may make special allowances available to any employee who performs one (1) of the following duties in addition to his or her normal duties:

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

(b) Compensation for additional duties may not exceed ~~three~~ five thousand dollars (~~\$3,000~~) (\$5,000) per school term for any one (1) employee during each fiscal year.

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code § 6-21-105 is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

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6-21-105. Braille and large print textbooks.

(a) It is declared to be the duty of the Arkansas School for the Blind to provide braille and large print textbooks for blind and visually impaired students attending public schools in this state.

(b) The superintendents of school districts shall make application to the Superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind for textbooks of braille and large print when students in school districts qualify for such books and the requested textbooks are required for other students in the district.

(c)(1) The Arkansas School for the Blind may use funds from the School for the Blind Fund Account for costs associated with providing braille and large print textbooks as authorized under this section.

(2) If funding allows and a need is present, the Arkansas School for the Blind may use funds from the School for the Blind Fund Account to purchase electronic textbooks, adaptive technology, and library media.

(d)(1) The State Board of Education shall make reasonable rules regarding moneys appropriated for the purchase of braille and large print textbooks.

(2) The state board may negotiate directly with publishers of braille and large print textbooks for the purchase of braille and large print textbooks.

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ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - 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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Recommendation: Already in code at 6-43-113; section may be deleted

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ADE - ASB - 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:

CLASS CODE	SUMMER SCHOOL POSITIONS	GRADE
E044C	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	GS06
M026C	Licensed Social Worker	GS07
M020C	Licensed Professional Counselor	GS08
E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
M088C	Licensed Master Social Worker	GS08
E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09
E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10
<u>E026C</u>	<u>Education & Instruction Coordinator</u>	<u>GS08</u>
<u>E015C</u>	<u>Special Education Supervisor</u>	<u>GS09</u>

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ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - 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 and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the salary of teachers entering state service as a teachers for the sensory impaired may be adjusted to a rate pay closest to but not less than the annual salary they would have received from their previous employer, effective upon employment at the ASD - ASB.

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SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 43, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section and to codify special language in appropriation acts to read as follows:

6-43-119. Teacher salary increase.

If public schools receive funds from the General Assembly to raise the salaries of teachers employed in public school districts, the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf shall be included.

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ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - 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) CLASS CODE	TITLE	GRADE
E044C	Certified Bachelor's Teacher	GS06
E035C	Certified Masters Teacher	GS08
E036C	Certified Masters Degree Librarian	GS09
E032C	Education Counselor	GS07
L042C	School Speech Pathologist	MP01
E024C	Teacher Supervisor	GS09
E025C	Educational Specialist	GS09

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E017C	Assistant Principal	GS10	
E004C	School Principal	GS11	
<p>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 Performance 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 Performance Fund, make available any funding generated from agency salary savings for such purposes from the funds or fund accounts as provided by law.</p> <p>The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022 <u>2023</u> through June 30, 2023 <u>2024</u>.</p>			

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CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDS - ASB

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(a) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall cause to be transferred on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and Auditor of State the balance of General Revenue funds remaining in the School for the Blind Fund Account on June 30, ~~2022~~ 2023 into a sub-fund created within the School for the Blind Fund Account to be used for special maintenance, renovations, or future construction projects of the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind.

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

(1) The Office of Budget of the Department of Finance and Administration shall report to the Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September meeting of the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the agency, board, commission, or institution and the amount of funding carried forward, the program name or line item and the funding source; and

(2) The Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind shall provide a written report to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in subdivision (b)(1) of this section no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Department presents its budget request to the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, or both; and

(3) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in subdivision (b)(2) of this section in the budget manuals.

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