

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1546

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING
10 EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS - DIVISION
11 OF CORRECTION WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN
12 ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 49 of
13 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
17 - DIVISION OF CORRECTION SUPPLEMENTAL
18 APPROPRIATION.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - MEDICAL CONTRACTS. There is hereby
25 appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the paying
26 account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for costs
27 associated with medical contracts of the Department of Corrections - Shared
28 Services Paying Account which shall be supplemental and in addition to those
29 funds appropriated in Section 2 of Act 49 of 2024, the following:
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| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2024-2025</u> |
| (01) MEDICAL CONTRACTS | <u>\$19,500,000</u> |

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35 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY JAIL REIMBURSEMENT. There is hereby
36 appropriated, to the Department of Corrections, to be payable from the County



1 Jail Reimbursement Fund, for reimbursements to counties housing state inmates
 2 of the Department of Corrections - County Jail Reimbursement which shall be
 3 supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in Section 3 of Act
 4 49 of 2024, the following:

| 6 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 7 NO. | 2024-2025 |
| 8 (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENT | <u>\$6,500,000</u> |

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 10 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
 12 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal
 13 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
 14 State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of nineteen million five
 15 hundred thousand dollars (\$19,500,000) from the General Revenue Allotment
 16 Reserve Fund to the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer
 17 of the State to provide funds for costs associated with medical contracts of
 18 the Department of Corrections.

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 20 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 21 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
 22 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this act, the Chief Fiscal
 23 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
 24 State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of six million five
 25 hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000) from the General Revenue Allotment
 26 Reserve Fund to the County Jail Reimbursement Fund to provide funds for
 27 reimbursement to counties housing state inmates of the Department of
 28 Corrections.

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 30 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 31 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 33 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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4 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
5 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
6 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
7 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
8 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
9 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
10 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
11 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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13 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
14 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
15 the Department of Corrections are, due to unforeseen circumstances,
16 insufficient for the Department of Corrections to continue to provide
17 essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide
18 the necessary monies for the Department of Corrections to continue such
19 services; and that a delay in the effective date of this Act could work
20 irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential
21 governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist
22 and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
23 peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the
24 date of its passage and approval.

25 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
26 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
27 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
28 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
29 overrides the veto.