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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1493

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE INSTITUTIONS  
10 OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
16 EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
17 APPROPRIATION.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE. There is  
23 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Northeastern College, to be payable from  
24 the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 25 (A) for renovation/replacement of the Administration Building roof, in  
26 a sum not to exceed .....\$1,350,000.
- 27 (B) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$680,000.
- 28 (C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$270,000.
- 29 (D) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
30 sum not to exceed .....\$116,840.

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32 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE. There is  
33 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Beebe, to be payable  
34 from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 35 (A) for renovation of the Owen Center, in a sum not to exceed  
36 .....\$2,050,000.



- 1 (B) for renovation of State Hall, in a sum not to exceed ...\$2,000,000.
- 2 (C) for expansion and update of IT infrastructure, in a sum not to
- 3 exceed .....\$450,000.
- 4 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$450,000.
- 5 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$270,000.
- 6 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
- 7 sum not to exceed .....\$356,080.

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9 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MID-SOUTH.

10 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mid-South,  
11 to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 12 (A) for classroom technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed
- 13 .....\$800,000.
- 14 (B) for student laptop upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$250,000.
- 15 (C) for campus security updates, in a sum not to exceed .....\$250,000.
- 16 (D) for technology infrastructure upgrades, in a sum not to exceed
- 17 .....\$400,000.
- 18 (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$110,000.
- 19 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$570,000.
- 20 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
- 21 sum not to exceed .....\$82,080.

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23 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - MOUNTAIN HOME.

24 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Mountain  
25 Home, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 26 (A) for renovation of the Technical Center roof coating, in a sum not
- 27 to exceed .....\$1,000,000.
- 28 (B) for critical maintenance equipment project, in a sum not to exceed
- 29 .....\$1,600,000.
- 30 (C) for IT infrastructure upgrades/replacement, in a sum not to exceed
- 31 .....\$300,000.
- 32 (D) for the Vada Sheid Community Center, in a sum not to exceed
- 33 .....\$1,000,000.
- 34 (E) for security system upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.
- 35 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$310,000.
- 36 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a

1 sum not to exceed .....\$156,560.

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3 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - NEWPORT. There  
4 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University - Newport, to be  
5 payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

6 (A) for renovation of the Nursing and Health Professions Building on  
7 the Marked Tree campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

8 (B) for renovation and remodeling of the Main Building on the Jonesboro  
9 campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

10 (C) for renovation and remodeling of the Main Building on the Marked  
11 Tree campus, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,000,000.

12 (D) for Phase 2 Photovoltaic Solar Array, in a sum not to exceed  
13 .....\$1,000,000.

14 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$430,000.

15 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
16 sum not to exceed .....\$285,273.

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18 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY THREE RIVERS.

19 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University Three Rivers,  
20 to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

21 (A) for workforce training expansion, in a sum not to exceed  
22 .....\$1,000,000.

23 (B) for costs of construction of the Career Center Classroom Building,  
24 in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,380,000.

25 (C) for an energy management system, in a sum not to exceed ..\$400,000.

26 (D) for renovation of the Science Building, in a sum not to exceed  
27 .....\$500,000.

28 (E) for costs of construction of the Facilities Management Building, in  
29 a sum not to exceed .....\$720,000.

30 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$240,000.

31 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
32 sum not to exceed .....\$94,780.

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34 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE. There is

35 hereby appropriated, to the Black River Technical College, to be payable from  
36 the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

1 (A) for renovation of the RCDC Building, in a sum not to exceed  
2 .....\$697,500.

3 (B) for renovation of the "A" and "B" Buildings, in a sum not to exceed  
4 .....\$247,500.

5 (C) for renovation of the Global Education Center, in a sum not to  
6 exceed .....\$225,000.

7 (D) for renovation of the Integrated Automation Technology Lab, in a  
8 sum not to exceed .....\$382,500.

9 (E) for renovation of the Health Science Complex, in a sum not to  
10 exceed .....\$405,000.

11 (F) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$70,000.

12 (G) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$470,000.

13 (H) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
14 sum not to exceed .....\$168,167.

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16 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - COSSATOT COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY  
17 OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Cossatot Community College  
18 of the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Development and  
19 Enhancement Fund, the following:

20 (A) for fiber optic and switch replacements, in a sum not to exceed  
21 .....\$475,000.

22 (B) for costs of construction of a multi-purpose facility/convocation  
23 center, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,955,000.

24 (C) for roof replacement of the Nashville Atrium, in a sum not to  
25 exceed .....\$570,000.

26 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.

27 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$370,000.

28 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
29 sum not to exceed .....\$118,800.

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31 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE. There is hereby  
32 appropriated, to the National Park College, to be payable from the  
33 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

34 (A) for renovation and repair of Pedestrian Bridge (4), in a sum not to  
35 exceed .....\$88,005.

36 (B) for renovation and replacement of the Gym Complex HVAC, in a sum

- 1 not to exceed .....\$343,000.
- 2 (C) for renovation and replacement of the Gerald Fisher CC roof, in a
- 3 sum not to exceed .....\$170,690.
- 4 (D) for costs of construction of the Welding Technology Center, in a
- 5 sum not to exceed .....\$3,398,305.
- 6 (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$160,000.
- 7 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$810,000.
- 8 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
- 9 sum not to exceed .....\$285,060.

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11 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - NORTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby  
12 appropriated, to the North Arkansas College, to be payable from the  
13 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 14 (A) for costs of construction for Bradley Center expansion, in a sum
- 15 not to exceed .....\$2,195,000.
- 16 (B) for technology systems improvements, in a sum not to exceed
- 17 .....\$1,245,000.
- 18 (C) for the replacement of sliding glass doors, in a sum not to exceed
- 19 .....\$275,000.
- 20 (D) for the renovation of tiered classrooms to comply with ADA, in a
- 21 sum not to exceed .....\$285,000.
- 22 (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$200,000.
- 23 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$430,000.
- 24 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
- 25 sum not to exceed .....\$200,613.

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27 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - NORTHWEST ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

28 There is hereby appropriated, to the Northwest Arkansas Community College, to  
29 be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 30 (A) for end point detection remediation, in a sum not to exceed
- 31 .....\$250,000.
- 32 (B) for Burns Hall HVAC water units, in a sum not to exceed ..\$329,000.
- 33 (C) for renovation of White Auditorium, in a sum not to exceed
- 34 .....\$277,000.
- 35 (D) for costs of construction of Health Professions Building 2, in a
- 36 sum not to exceed .....\$4,144,000.

- 1 (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$790,000.
- 2 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$740,000.
- 3 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
- 4 sum not to exceed .....\$773,300.

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6 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - OZARKA COLLEGE. There is hereby

7 appropriated, to the Ozarka College, to be payable from the Development and

8 Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 9 (A) for renovation of the Administration Building roof and HVAC, in a
- 10 sum not to exceed .....\$600,000.
- 11 (B) for costs of construction of the Skilled Trades Facility in Ash
- 12 Flat, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- 13 (C) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$90,000.
- 14 (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$290,000.
- 15 (E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
- 16 sum not to exceed .....\$100,107.

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18 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE

19 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Phillips

20 Community College of the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the

21 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 22 (A) for campus fire and security system upgrades, in a sum not to
- 23 exceed .....\$1,750,000.
- 24 (B) for ADA compliance improvements, in a sum not to exceed ..\$250,000.
- 25 (C) for roof repair and replacement, in a sum not to exceed ..\$700,000.
- 26 (D) for HVAC and LED efficiency upgrades, in a sum not to exceed
- 27 .....\$250,000.
- 28 (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$620,000.
- 29 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,060,000.
- 30 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
- 31 sum not to exceed .....\$133,340.

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33 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH. There is hereby appropriated, to

34 the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the

35 following:

- 36 (A) for roof and foundation repair, in a sum not to exceed ...\$875,997.

- 1 (B) for HVAC replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- 2 (C) for renovation of Manning Hall and Shumaker Hall, in a sum not to
- 3 exceed .....\$1,124,003.
- 4 (D) for alarm panel upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$175,000.
- 5 (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$740,000.
- 6 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$1,050,000.
- 7 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
- 8 sum not to exceed .....\$126,933.

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10 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH - ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING ACADEMY.

11 There is hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the  
12 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 13 (A) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$20,000.
- 14 (B) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$20,000.

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16 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - SAU-TECH - FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY. There is  
17 hereby appropriated, to the SAU-Tech, to be payable from the Development and  
18 Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 19 (A) for equipment replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$91,000.
- 20 (B) for training ground enhancements, in a sum not to exceed
- 21 .....\$2,172,000.
- 22 (C) for HVAC improvements, in a sum not to exceed .....\$237,000.
- 23 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$40,000.
- 24 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$60,000.

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26 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - SOUTH ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is hereby  
27 appropriated, to the South Arkansas College, to be payable from the  
28 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 29 (A) for costs of construction of the Facilities Plant Building, in a
- 30 sum not to exceed .....\$1,850,000.
- 31 (B) for safety/ADA compliance upgrades, in a sum not to exceed
- 32 .....\$150,000.
- 33 (C) for the Health Science Center addition, in a sum not to exceed
- 34 .....\$2,000,000.
- 35 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.
- 36 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$180,000.

1 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
2 sum not to exceed .....\$148,193.

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4 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE. There is  
5 hereby appropriated, to the Southeast Arkansas College, to be payable from  
6 the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

7 (A) for costs of construction of the SEARK Emergency Operations Center,  
8 in a sum not to exceed .....\$3,300,000.

9 (B) for campus roof replacement for Founders Hall and McGeorge Hall, in  
10 a sum not to exceed .....\$400,000.

11 (C) for renovation of the Testing Center, in a sum not to exceed  
12 .....\$50,000.

13 (D) for renovation of the Commons Building, in a sum not to exceed  
14 .....\$250,000.

15 (E) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$150,000.

16 (F) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$330,000.

17 (G) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
18 sum not to exceed .....\$132,687.

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20 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT  
21 BATESVILLE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas  
22 Community College at Batesville, to be payable from the Development and  
23 Enhancement Fund, the following:

24 (A) for renovation of the Gateway Center, in a sum not to exceed  
25 .....\$2,000,000.

26 (B) for renovation of the Main Classroom Building, in a sum not to  
27 exceed .....\$1,000,000.

28 (C) for renovation of the vehicle bridge, in a sum not to exceed  
29 .....\$1,000,000.

30 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$590,000.

31 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$230,000.

32 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
33 sum not to exceed .....\$145,967.

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35 SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT  
36 HOPE-TEXARKANA. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas



1 Community College at Hope-Texarkana, to be payable from the Development and  
2 Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 3 (A) for HVAC replacements, in a sum not to exceed .....\$820,000.
- 4 (B) for renovation of Hempstead Hall, in a sum not to exceed  
5 .....\$300,000.
- 6 (C) for building upgrades and maintenance, in a sum not to exceed  
7 .....\$500,000.
- 8 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$340,000.
- 9 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$300,000.
- 10 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
11 sum not to exceed .....\$97,340.

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13 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT  
14 MORRILTON. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas  
15 Community College at Morrilton, to be payable from the Development and  
16 Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 17 (A) for costs of construction of the Allied Health/Health Sciences  
18 Building, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- 19 (B) for renovation and construction of East Campus infrastructure, in a  
20 sum not to exceed .....\$2,000,000.
- 21 (C) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$210,000.
- 22 (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$230,000.
- 23 (E) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
24 sum not to exceed .....\$237,367.

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26 SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT  
27 RICH MOUNTAIN. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas  
28 Community College at Rich Mountain, to be payable from the Development and  
29 Enhancement Fund, the following:

- 30 (A) for costs of construction of the Health Science Facility, in a sum  
31 not to exceed .....\$3,209,000.
- 32 (B) for technology upgrade of Lecture Hall, in a sum not to exceed  
33 .....\$590,500.
- 34 (C) for the purchase of Allied Health equipment, in a sum not to exceed  
35 .....\$200,500.
- 36 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$60,000.

1 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$130,000.

2 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
3 sum not to exceed .....\$88,933.

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5 SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS EAST ARKANSAS

6 COMMUNITY COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of

7 Arkansas East Arkansas Community College, to be payable from the Development  
8 and Enhancement Fund, the following:

9 (A) for switchgear replacement, in a sum not to exceed .....\$400,000.

10 (B) for structural corrections, in a sum not to exceed .....\$730,000.

11 (C) for ground repair new FAC and LRC, in a sum not to exceed  
12 .....\$375,000.

13 (D) for renovation of roofs, in a sum not to exceed .....\$200,000.

14 (E) for renovation of Admin and FAC, in a sum not to exceed ..\$575,000.

15 (F) for costs of construction of new welding/HVAC training labs, in a  
16 sum not to exceed .....\$615,000.

17 (G) for air conditioning for vocational labs, in a sum not to exceed  
18 .....\$100,000.

19 (H) for demolition of vacant buildings, in a sum not to exceed  
20 .....\$500,000.

21 (I) for widening the South Campus entrance, in a sum not to exceed  
22 .....\$50,000.

23 (J) for asphalt for part of Welcome Way, in a sum not to exceed  
24 .....\$195,000.

25 (K) for painting CTE shops and awnings, in a sum not to exceed  
26 .....\$80,000.

27 (L) for tower repair, in a sum not to exceed .....\$50,000.

28 (M) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$40,000.

29 (N) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$520,000.

30 (O) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
31 sum not to exceed .....\$100,427.

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33 SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PULASKI TECHNICAL

34 COLLEGE. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas -

35 Pulaski Technical College, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement  
36 Fund, the following:

1 (A) for costs of construction of the Center for Innovation and Applied  
2 Engineering, in a sum not to exceed .....\$2,920,000.

3 (B) for renovation of the Allied Health Building, in a sum not to  
4 exceed .....\$1,330,000.

5 (C) for renovation of the Library, in a sum not to exceed ....\$750,000.

6 (D) for critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$70,000.

7 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed .....\$660,000.

8 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a  
9 sum not to exceed .....\$647,020.

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11 SECTION 25. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
12 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
13 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
14 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
15 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
16 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
17 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
18 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
19 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
20 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
21 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
22 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

23 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State  
24 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
25 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
26 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
27 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
28 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided  
29 otherwise by law.

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31 SECTION 26. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
32 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
33 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
34 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
35 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
36 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

1 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
2 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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4 SECTION 27. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
5 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
6 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
7 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
8 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
9 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
10 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
11 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
12 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
13 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
14 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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