

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1616

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - OIL AND GAS COMMISSION FOR  
11 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND  
16 ENVIRONMENT - OIL AND GAS COMMISSION  
17 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 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 - EDUCATION CENTER/WAREHOUSE ROOF REPAIR -  
23 FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and  
24 Environment - Oil and Gas Commission, to be payable from the federal funds as  
25 designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the following:

26 (A) for roof repair for Education Center/Warehouse, in a sum not to  
27 exceed .....\$275,274.  
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29 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - EDUCATION CENTER/WAREHOUSE ROOF REPAIR -  
30 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Energy and  
31 Environment - Oil and Gas Commission, to be payable from the cash fund  
32 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
33 the State, the following:

34 (A) for roof repair for Education Center/Warehouse, in a sum not to  
35 exceed .....\$296,552.  
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1 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
2 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
3 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
4 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
5 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
6 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
7 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
8 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
9 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
10 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
11 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
12 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

13 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State  
14 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
15 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
16 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
17 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
18 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided  
19 otherwise by law.  
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21 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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30 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
31 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
32 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
35 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
36 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm

1 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
2 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
3 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
4 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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