

1 State of Arkansas  
2 89th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 543

5 By: Senator Irvin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY FOR GRANTS TO  
10 PUBLIC LIBRARIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
14 ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY - PUBLIC LIBRARY  
15 GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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### SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT - PUBLIC LIBRARY GRANTS.

21 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas State  
22 Library, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor  
23 fund or fund accounts, the following:  
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25 (A) for grants to public libraries for personal services and operating  
26 expenses, land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major  
27 maintenance, and purchase of equipment, in a sum not to exceed  
28 .....\$500,000.  
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### SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS 30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

31 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the  
32 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
33 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
34 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
35 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.  
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2 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
3 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
4 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
5 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
6 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
7 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
8 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
9 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
10 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
11 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
12 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
13 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

14 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
15 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
16 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
17 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
18 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
19 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided 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, 2013 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, 2013 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, 2013.

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