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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1321

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9 By: Senators Irvin, *Caldwell, Hester, B. Sample*

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11 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

12 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 EDUCATION FOR GRANTS AND AID FOR THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL  
14 RECOGNITION PROGRAM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE  
15 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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18 **Subtitle**

19 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
20 GRANTS AND AID - ARKANSAS SCHOOL  
21 RECOGNITION PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
22 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM. There  
28 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from  
29 the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
30 following:

31 (A) for grants and aid for the Arkansas School Recognition Program, in  
32 a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.  
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34 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
35 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
36 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available



1 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
2 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
3 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
4 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
5 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
6 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
7 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
8 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
9 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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17 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
18 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
19 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
20 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
21 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
22 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
23 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
24 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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26 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
27 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
28 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
31 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
32 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
33 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
34 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
35 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
36 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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