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A Bill

SENATE BILL 315

5 By: Senators J. Boyd, C. Penzo, Crowell, D. Wallace, M. Johnson, J. Petty, J. Payton, *Dees, Flippo, J.*
6 *Bryant*
7 By: Representatives Vaught, Gramlich, Haak, L. Johnson, Rye, Lynch, Cavanaugh, Clowney, Rose, M.
8 Berry, Richmond, Joey Carr, Milligan, J. Richardson, Pilkington
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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 COMMERCE - ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
13 FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A *SPACEPORT* FOR THE
14 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

19 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE -
20 ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
21 - FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A *SPACEPORT*
22 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL
23 YEAR.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - FEASIBILITY STUDY. There is hereby
29 appropriated, to the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development
30 Commission, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury
31 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses for a
32 feasibility study for a *spaceport* by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas
33 Economic Development Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the
34 following:
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36 ITEM

FISCAL YEAR



1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
2	(01) SPACEPORT FEASIBILITY STUDY	<u>\$950,000</u>

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4 SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
5 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
6 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
7 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
8 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
9 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
10 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
11 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
12 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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23 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
24 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
25 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
26 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
28 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
29 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
30 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
31 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
32 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
33 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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/s/J. Boyd

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APPROVED: 3/21/23