



STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

February 23, 2015

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

Please find attached a letter and appropriation bills for the Prison Expansion and Public Safety plan to address prison overcrowding and reentry programs. Separately, I will propose a transfer to Rainy Day Funds from the Insurance Department Trust Fund and the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund to finance these initiatives.

I respectfully request the adoption of this letter, and introduction of these bills as Joint Budget Committee Bills.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson", written over a horizontal line.

Asa Hutchinson

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Attachment

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1 State of Arkansas
2 90th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2015
4 By:

A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

7 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
8 OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
9 OPERATING EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
13 CORRECTION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
14 APPROPRIATION.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

18 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby
19 appropriated, to the Department of Community Correction, to be payable from
20 the General Improvement Fund, or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
21 following:

22 (A) for a transfer to the Department of Community Correction Fund
23 Account for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
24 Community Correction - Transitional Reentry Centers in a sum not to
25 exceed.....\$13,102,679.

27 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby
28 appropriated, to the Department of Community Correction, to be payable from
29 the General Improvement Fund, or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
30 following:

31 (A) for a transfer to the Department of Community Correction Fund
32 Account for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of
33 Community Correction - Justice Incentive Grants in a sum not to
34 exceed.....\$2,800,000.

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1 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
2 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
3 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
4 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control
7 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
8 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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11 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
12 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
13 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
14 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
15 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
16 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
17 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
18 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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20 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
21 Ninetieth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
22 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than one (1) year; that the
23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of the
24 agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the
25 event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date
26 of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm upon the proper
27 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an
28 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
29 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full
30 force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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8 CORRECTION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES FOR PRISON EXPANSION
9 AND PUBLIC SAFETY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 AN ACT FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION GENERAL
13 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

18 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
19 of Correction to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
20 fund or fund accounts, for operating expenses, and professional fees
21 associated with leasing bed space from Bowie County, Texas of the Department
22 of Correction - Bowie County lease for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 in
23 a sum not to exceed, the sum of.....\$2,851,200.

25 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
26 of Correction to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
27 fund or fund accounts, for operating expenses, and professional fees
28 associated with leasing bed space from Bowie County, Texas of the Department
29 of Correction - Bowie County lease for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 in
30 a sum not to exceed, the sum of.....\$2,851,200.

32 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by
33 this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made
34 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions
35 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures

1 Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and
2 Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this
3 State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of
4 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied
5 with in disbursement of said funds.

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7 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
8 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
9 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
10 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
11 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
12 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
13 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
14 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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16 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
17 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
18 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
19 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of the
20 agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided; with the
21 exception that SECTION 1 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from
22 and after the date of its passage and approval, and that in the event of an
23 extension of the Legislative Session, the delay in the effective date of this
24 Act beyond July 1, 2015, with the exception that SECTION 1 in this Act shall
25 be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and
26 approval, could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and
27 provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is
28 hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate
29 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and
30 effect from and after July 1, 2015; with the exception that SECTION 1 in this
31 Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage
32 and approval.

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9 CORRECTION PRISON EXPANSION AND PUBLIC SAFETY; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION GENERAL
15 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
21 Department of Correction for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum
22 number of regular employees.

24				Maximum	Maximum Annual
25				No. of	Salary Rate
26	Item	Class			Fiscal Year
27	No.	Code	Title	Employees	2015-2016
28	(1)	D017C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY SPEC	1	GRADE C126
29	(2)	T015C	ADC/DCC DEPUTY WARDEN	1	GRADE C124
30	(3)	M009C	LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	1	GRADE C121
31	(4)	T033C	ADC/DCC MAJOR	1	GRADE C120
32	(5)	T048C	ADC/DCC CAPTAIN	2	GRADE C118
33	(6)	T054C	ADC/DCC LIEUTENANT	4	GRADE C117
34	(7)	T059C	ADC/DCC FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE C116
35	(8)	C024C	ADC/DCC RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C116

1	(9)	C022C	BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C116
2	(10)	G200C	CLASSIFICATION & ASSIGNMENT OFFICER	1	GRADE C116
3	(11)	T065C	ADC/DCC CORRECTIONAL SERGEANT	12	GRADE C115
4	(12)	M058C	ADC/DCC PROGRAM SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C115
5	(13)	M057C	CHAPLAIN	1	GRADE C115
6	(14)	R031C	INSTITUTION HUMAN RESOURCES COORD	1	GRADE C115
7	(15)	G216C	ADC INMATE GRIEVANCE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C114
8	(16)	T070C	ADC/DCC FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE C114
9	(17)	T071C	ADC UNIT TRAINING SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C114
10	(18)	M065C	RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C114
11	(19)	T075C	ADC/DCC CORPORAL	37	GRADE C113
12	(20)	T077C	ADC MAILROOM SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C113
13	(21)	T081C	COMMISSARY MANAGER	1	GRADE C112
14	(22)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	1	GRADE C109
15	(23)	C087C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>2</u>	GRADE C106
16		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		77	

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18 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
19 Department of Correction, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or
20 its successor fund or fund accounts, for personal services and operating
21 expenses of the Department of Correction - Ester Unit for the fiscal year
22 ending June 30, 2016 in a sum not to exceed, the sum of.....\$6,968,256.
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24 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
25 Department of Correction, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or
26 its successor fund or fund accounts, for personal services and operating
27 expenses of the Department of Correction - Female Work Release for the fiscal
28 year ending June 30, 2016 in a sum not to exceed, the sum of.....\$1,286,909.
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30 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
31 Department of Correction, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or
32 its successor fund or fund accounts, for operating expenses of the Department
33 of Correction - Ouachita River Unit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016
34 in a sum not to exceed, the sum of.....\$534,853.
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36 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the

1 Department of Correction, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or
2 its successor fund or fund accounts, for operating expenses of the Department
3 of Correction - Tucker Unit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 in a sum
4 not to exceed, the sum of.....\$534,853.

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6 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
7 of Correction, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund, or its
8 successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

9 (A) for a transfer to the County Jail Reimbursement Fund for operating
10 expenses of the Department of Correction - Regional County Detention Facility
11 in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,380,000.

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13 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the
14 Department of Correction, to be payable from the County Jail Reimbursement
15 Fund for maintenance and operations of the Department of Correction - Regional
16 County Detention Facility in a sum not to for the fiscal year ending June 30,
17 2016 in a sum not to exceed, the sum of.....\$4,380,000.

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19 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
20 of Correction, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund, or its
21 successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

22 (A) for a transfer to the Prison Construction Trust Fund for various
23 maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement,
24 upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities of the Department of
25 Correction - Tucker Unit in a sum not to exceed.....\$600,000.

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27 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
28 of Correction, to be payable from the Prison Construction Trust Fund, for
29 various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition,
30 improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities of the
31 Department of Correction - Tucker Unit for the fiscal year ending June 30,
32 2016, the sum of.....\$600,000.

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34 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
35 of Correction, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund, or its
36 successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

1 (A) for a transfer to the Prison Construction Trust Fund for various
2 maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement,
3 upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities of the Department of
4 Correction - Ouachita River Unit in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,800,000.
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6 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department
7 of Correction, to be payable from the Prison Construction Trust Fund, for
8 various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition,
9 improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities of the
10 Department of Correction - Ouachita River Unit for the fiscal year ending June
11 30, 2016, the sum of.....\$2,800,000.
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13 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
14 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
15 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
16 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary
17 Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures
18 and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of
19 this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of
20 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied
21 with in disbursement of said funds.
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23 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
24 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
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