

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: *Joint Budget Committee***

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1631

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES BY
9 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

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

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14 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
15 Department of Education - Arkansas State Library, to be payable from the
16 General Improvement Fund, for additional aid to Public Libraries by the
17 Department of Education - Arkansas State Library for the biennial period
18 ending June 30, 1993, the sum of.....\$600,000.

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20 SECTION 2. *The appropriation made herein shall be distributed on a per*
21 *capita basis to city, county and regional library systems participating in the*
22 *Aid to Public Libraries Program, and which have expended a minimum of 12% of*
23 *its funds annually on library materials during each of the two preceding*
24 *calendar years as reported to the Arkansas State Library. Library materials*
25 *shall be defined for purposes of this act as books, periodicals, audio-*
26 *visuals, microforms, and other information media. General Improvement Funds*
27 *shall not be used to calculate the 12% minimum spending level for library*
28 *materials.*

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30 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
31 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
33 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control

1 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
2 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
3 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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5 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
6 Seventy-Eighth General Assembly, meeting in Regular Session, that inflation
7 has greatly reduced the State's buying power and Public Libraries are in need
8 of additional books and materials in order to continue providing essential
9 educational welfare to the children, students and adults of the State; and,
10 that the immediate passage of this Act is vital to the Library Programs in
11 Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
12 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
13 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1991.

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/s/John E. Miller

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