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A Bill

SENATE BILL 502

5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 EDUCATION FOR GRANTS AND PERSONAL SERVICES AND
10 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR EMPOWERING STUDENTS IN
11 ARKANSAS TO UNDERSTAND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND LEVERAGE
12 BROADBAND TECHNOLOGIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
16 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
24 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
25 following:

26 (A) for grants and personal services and operating expenses for
27 empowering students in Arkansas to understand entrepreneurship and leverage
28 broadband technologies to innovate and improve their economic and overall
29 well being, in a sum not to exceed.....\$89,000.
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31 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

33 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
34 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
35 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
36 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the



1 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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 3 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
 4 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
 5 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
 6 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
 7 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
 8 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
 9 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
 10 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
 11 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
 12 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
 13 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
 14 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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 31 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 32 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 33 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
 35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 36 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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