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A Bill

SENATE BILL 354

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 CORRECTIONS - DIVISION OF CORRECTION FOR DEVELOPMENT
11 AND ENHANCEMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
16 - DIVISION OF CORRECTION DEVELOPMENT AND
17 ENHANCEMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
18 APPROPRIATION.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
25 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Corrections - Division of
26 Correction, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the
27 following:

28 (A) for costs associated with prison construction, in a sum not to
29 exceed\$750,000,000.
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31 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
32 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
33 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
34 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
35 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
36 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or



1 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
2 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
3 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
4 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
5 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
6 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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24 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
26 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
29 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
30 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
31 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
32 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
33 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
34 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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