

1 State of Arkansas  
2 88th General Assembly  
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As Engrossed: S3/10/11  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 694

5 By: Senator Elliott  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
9 OF EDUCATION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;  
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
15 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby  
21 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the General  
22 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for grants for  
23 scholarships and for personal services and operating expenses as determined  
24 by the Department of Higher Education for outreach programs to promote  
25 awareness of the scholarships for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the  
26 sum of .....\$100,000.  
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28 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
30 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the  
31 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
32 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
33 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
34 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.  
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36 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor



1 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
2 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
3 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
4 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
5 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
6 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
7 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
8 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
9 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
10 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
11 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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29 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
31 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of  
33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm  
36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.

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8 **APPROVED: 03/31/2011**  
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