

1 State of Arkansas
2 88th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 132

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MERIT
9 ADJUSTMENT FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
10 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER WHICH SHALL BE
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS
12 APPROPRIATED BY SECTION 26 OF ACT 1103 OF 2011; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
17 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER
18 SUPPLEMENTAL 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 - MERIT ADJUSTMENT FUND. There is hereby
25 appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing
26 Officer, to be payable from the Merit Adjustment Fund, for providing various
27 state agencies and institutions of higher education with supplemental
28 personal services which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds
29 appropriated in Section 26 of Act 1103 of 2011, the following:
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31 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
33 (01) PERSONAL SERVICES - MERIT ADJUSTMENT	<u>\$10,000,000</u>

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35 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND



1 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal
2 Officer of the State shall transfer on his books and those of the State
3 Treasurer and the Auditor of State the sum of ten million dollars
4 (\$10,000,000) from the unobligated funds in the General Improvement Fund to
5 the Merit Adjustment Fund.

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

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

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26 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
27 Assembly, that appropriations provided by the General Assembly for the
28 operations of the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing
29 Officer are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the Department
30 of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer to continue to provide
31 essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide
32 the necessary monies for the Department of Finance and Administration -
33 Disbursing Officer to continue such services; and that a delay in the
34 effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper
35 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,
36 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the

1 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
2 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

3 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
4 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
5 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
6 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
7 overrides the veto.

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