

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 501

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 - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY FOR GRANTS FOR  
10 LIBRARIES AND THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ARKANSAS HISTORY  
11 AND CULTURE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
15 ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY - GRANTS FOR  
16 LIBRARIES AND THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF  
17 ARKANSAS HISTORY AND CULTURE PROJECT  
18 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT 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 - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
25 the Department of Education - Arkansas State Library, to be payable from the  
26 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
27 following:

28 (A) for grants to libraries for personal services and operating  
29 expenses, land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major  
30 maintenance, purchase of equipment and supplies, in a sum not to exceed  
31 .....\$1,000,000.

32 (B) for a grant for personal services, operating expenses, professional  
33 fees and purchase of equipment for the Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and  
34 Culture Project, in a sum not to exceed.....\$120,000.  
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36 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS



1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

2 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the  
3 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
4 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
5 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
6 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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

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

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

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36 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General

1 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
2 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
5 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
6 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
7 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
8 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
9 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
10 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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13 **APPROVED: 03/24/2015**  
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