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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1498

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS
9 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
15 DEPARTMENT - CAPITAL PROJECTS GENERAL
16 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS. There
22 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable
23 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
24 following:

25 (A) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, professional
26 services contracts for air tankers, construction, acquisition, improvement,
27 upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities of the Arkansas
28 Agriculture Department, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

29 (B) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, professional
30 services contracts for air tankers, construction, acquisition, improvement,
31 upgrade, repair of real property and facilities, personal services and
32 operational expenses related to agricultural disasters, in a sum not to
33 exceed.....\$10,000,000.

34 (C) for construction of New Office Space, Laboratories and Support
35 Facilities for the Department of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed
36\$6,000,000.



1 (D) *for grants* for various maintenance, renovation, equipping,
 2 construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property
 3 and facilities relating to County and District Fairs, in a sum not to exceed
 4\$847,200.

5 (E) for a grant or low interest loan for the Arkansas Agriculture
 6 Department - Plant Board to pay for debts associated with the Boll Weevil
 7 Suppression and Eradication Act, in a sum not to exceed.....\$13,800,000.

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 9 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - BOND PROCEEDS CAPITAL PROJECTS. There is
 10 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable
 11 from Bond Proceeds, the following:

12 (A) for construction of New Office Space, Laboratories and Support
 13 Facilities for the Department of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed
 14\$60,000,000.

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

28 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
 29 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
 30 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
 31 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
 32 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
 33 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
 34 otherwise by law.

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 36 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

1 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
2 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
3 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
4 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
5 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
6 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
7 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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9 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
10 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
11 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
12 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of
13 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
14 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
15 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm
16 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
17 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
18 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
19 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.
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21 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*
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24 **APPROVED: 03/14/2017**
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