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A Bill

SENATE BILL 447

5 By: Senator Caldwell
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
10 - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
11 JUNE 30, 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
15 DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION FOR
16 THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 *SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE. There is hereby*
23 *appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the cash*
24 *funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for construction, renovation,*
25 *maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the*
26 *University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending*
27 *June 30, 2022, the sum of.....\$16,500,000.*
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29 *SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS*
30 *CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PINE TREE*
31 *RESEARCH STATION.*

32 *(a) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas shall not sell*
33 *the property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St.*
34 *Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the*
35 *University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the*
36 *Forest Service in 1978, to a private entity or individual.*



1 (b) The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas may sell the
2 property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station, located in St.
3 Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of Trustees of the
4 University of Arkansas from the United States of America acting through the
5 Forest Service in 1978, to:

6 (1) A non-profit corporation organized with the primary mission
7 to keep the land open to the public and available for public use; and

8 (2) Organized and operated for a minimum of five (5) years.

9 (c) The property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station,
10 located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of
11 Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America
12 acting through the Forest Service in 1978, shall remain open to the public
13 for public use, including without limitation:

14 (1) Public fishing;

15 (2) Public hunting;

16 (3) Biking;

17 (4) Bird watching; and

18 (5) Hiking.

19 (d) All property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station,
20 located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of
21 Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America
22 acting through the Forest Service in 1978, in row crop cultivation in the
23 year 2020 is exempt from subsection (c) of this section.

24 The provisions of this section shall be in effect upon passage and
25 approval through June 30, 2022.

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27 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
28 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
29 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
30 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
33 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
34 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
35 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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10 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
11 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
12 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of
14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided; with the
15 exception that Section 2 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from
16 and after the date of its passage and approval, and that in the event of an
17 extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act
18 beyond July 1, 2021, with the exception that Section 2 in this Act shall be
19 in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval,
20 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of
21 essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared
22 to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the
23 public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and
24 after July 1, 2021; with the exception that Section 2 in this Act shall be in
25 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

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27 /s/Caldwell
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30 APPROVED: 4/6/21
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