

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1993**  
4 **By: Joint Budget Committee**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL 135**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROVISION OF  
9 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ARKANSAS CITIZENS ENGAGED IN THE  
10 STUDY OF DENTAL MEDICINE, OPTOMETRY, OSTEOPATHY,  
11 VETERINARY MEDICINE, CHIROPRACTIC EDUCATION AND PODIATRY  
12 EDUCATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR THE BIENNIAL  
13 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1995; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

16 "AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS APPROPRIATION."

18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
21 University of Arkansas, to be payable from the Department of Higher Education  
22 Grants Fund Account, for payments of the contracts with schools of higher  
23 learning for the education of Arkansas citizens at out-of-state institutions  
24 of higher learning in the fields of dental medicine, optometry, osteopathy,  
25 veterinary medicine, chiropractic education and podiatry education by the  
26 University of Arkansas for the biennial period ending June 30, 1995, the  
27 following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
NO.		1993-94	1994-95
(01)	SREB DENTAL AID	\$ 838,869	\$ 838,869
(02)	OPTOMETRY AID	265,127	265,127
(03)	SREB VETERINARY AID	563,381	563,381
(04)	CHIROPRACTIC AID	152,446	152,446
(05)	OSTEOPATHY AID	75,948	75,948

1	(06) PODIATRY AID	81,012	81,012
2	(07) NON SREB DENTAL AID	75,948	75,948
3	(08) NON SREB VETERINARY AID	134,118	134,118
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 2,186,849</u>	<u>\$ 2,186,849</u>

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6 SECTION 2. The number of slots for dental aid shall be limited to 122  
7 and the number of slots for veterinary aid shall be limited to 86. The  
8 Department of Higher Education, in consultation with the recognized  
9 associations and providers in these fields, shall recommend by October 1,  
10 1994, the appropriate number of slots which should be funded in dental aid and  
11 in veterinary aid.

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13 SECTION 3. TRANSFER OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS FUND APPROPRIATIONS.  
14 Upon certification to and with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
15 State, surplus funds and appropriations may be transferred between the  
16 appropriations herein provided by the Seventy-Ninth General Assembly for SREB  
17 Dental Aid, Optometry Aid, SREB Veterinary Aid, Podiatry Aid, Chiropractic  
18 Aid and Osteopathic Aid.

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20 SECTION 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. The Disbursing Officer of the  
21 University of Arkansas/Fayetteville shall annually compile information, as  
22 described herein, on students who receive financial aid through the various  
23 appropriations provided for in this Act. Such information shall include the  
24 number of students receiving financial aid under each line item of Section 1  
25 of this Act, the name of each out-of-state school which each student is  
26 attending or has attended, and the location and occupation of each student  
27 after they have completed their course of study for a period of three years.

28 Such information shall be compiled into a report and presented in  
29 conjunction with the biennial appropriation budget request for the  
30 appropriation provided herein, to the Arkansas Legislative Council.

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32 SECTION 5. CARRY FORWARD. The balance of the funds and appropriations  
33 as provided in this Act which remain on June 30, 1994, shall be carried  
34 forward and made available for the same purposes for the fiscal year ending  
35 June 30, 1995.

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2           SECTION 6. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. The following special provisions  
3 regarding the educational programs provided by this Act shall be implemented:

4           (1) Effective July 1, 1993, those students who currently receive  
5 financial assistance from the programs enumerated in Section 1 of this Act  
6 shall continue to receive financial assistance from the appropriations made in  
7 Section 1 of this Act;

8           (2) Effective July 1, 1993, the disbursing officer for the  
9 appropriations made by this Act shall re-adjust the number of positions funded  
10 for new freshman positions for the applicable programs enumerated in Section 1  
11 of this Act, according to the need of the State for each profession, based  
12 upon testimony from the recognized associations of each of the applicable  
13 medical professions; and

14           (3) The State Board of Higher Education shall conduct a study during  
15 the 1993-95 biennium as to the need for health care providers in Arkansas and  
16 report its findings to the General Assembly on or before October 1, 1994.";

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18           SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
19 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
21 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control  
24 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the  
25 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
26 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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28           SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
29 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
30 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which  
31 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
32 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
33 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
34 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
35 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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SECTION 9. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 11. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Ninth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1993 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1993 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1993.

*/s/Stanley Russ*

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