

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1976

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5 By: Representatives Bennett, White
6 By: Senator Malone

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SOUTHERN
11 ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
12 OF A UNIVERSITY SCIENCE CENTER BUILDING AND
13 IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS OTHER CAMPUS FACILITIES;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE SOUTHERN ARKANSAS
19 UNIVERSITY - UNIVERSITY SCIENCE CENTER
20 AND VARIOUS FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS
21 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS – UNIVERSITY SCIENCE CENTER AND VARIOUS FACILITY
27 IMPROVEMENTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas
28 University, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
29 fund or fund accounts, the following:

30 (A) For design and construction of a University Science Center Building to
31 house all University science programs in one comprehensive state of the art
32 facility and improvements to various other campus facilities, the sum of
33\$10,000,000.

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35 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
36 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects



1 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
2 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
3 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
4 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
5 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
6 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
7 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
8 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
9 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
10 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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27 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
29 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
32 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
33 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
34 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
35 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
36 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and

safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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