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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1652

By: Representative Rainey

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY
OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF FOR SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS VILLAGE AND
CONFERENCE CENTER CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT,
PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
PINE BLUFF - SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY
ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS VILLAGE AND
CONFERENCE CENTER EXPENSES GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS
VILLAGE AND CONFERENCE CENTER. There is hereby appropriated, to the
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be payable from the General
Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For construction, acquisition, equipment, furnishings, personal
services, maintenance and operation expenses of the Science Technology
Engineering and Mathematics Village and Conference Center, the sum of
.....\$12,000,000.

SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor



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

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

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

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28 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
30 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of
32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
33 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
34 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the
35 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
36 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, 2009.