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For An Act To Be Entitled

15 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY FOR A GRANT
17 TO THE BOOKS FOR ARKANSAS STUDENTS' EDUCATION
18 PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

22 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
23 ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY - BOOKS FOR ARKANSAS
24 STUDENTS' EDUCATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
25 APPROPRIATION.
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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31 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - BOOKS FOR ARKANSAS STUDENTS' EDUCATION
32 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education -
33 Arkansas State Library, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or
34 its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

35 (A) for a grant to the Books for Arkansas Students' Education (BASE)
36 Program which provides free books about Arkansas' natural, cultural, and



1 political history as well as books by Arkansas writers to public high schools
2 across the state using a point system based on free and reduced lunch
3 statistics, in a sum not to exceed.....\$20,000.
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5 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

7 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
8 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
9 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
10 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
11 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.
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13 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
14 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
15 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
16 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
17 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
18 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
19 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
20 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
21 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
22 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
23 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
24 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

25 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
26 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
27 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
28 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
29 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
30 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
31 otherwise by law.
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33 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
34 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
35 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
36 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

1 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
2 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
3 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
4 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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6 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
7 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
8 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
9 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of
10 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
11 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
12 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm
13 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
14 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
15 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
16 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.
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