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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
9 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION - AND ITS VARIOUS DIVISIONS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
15 AND ITS VARIOUS DIVISIONS
16 REAPPROPRIATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - GENERAL
23 IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education,
24 to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
25 accounts, for the Department of Education the following:

26 (A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
27 in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 231 of 2014, for grants to eligible public
28 schools for school recognition awards to be used for nonrecurring bonuses to
29 faculty and staff, nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment or
30 materials or temporary school personnel by the Arkansas School Recognition
31 Program, in a sum not to exceed.....\$28,383.

32 (B) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
33 in Item (G) Section 1 of Act 231 of 2014, for grants to institutes that re-
34 imagine education in traditional public schools for personal services and
35 operating expenses, equipment and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to
36 exceed.....\$25,000.



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SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - DPSAFT - OPEN ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, to be payable from the Open Enrollment Public Charter School Capital Grant Program Fund, for the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 5 of Act 231 of 2014, for grants for the repayment of debt incurred by an open enrollment public charter school for academic facilities or equipment, various maintenance, renovation, equipping, new construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade and repair of real property and facilities and purchase of instructional materials, technology systems, and other academic equipment, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION - FEDERAL FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Educational Television Division, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (B) Section 8 of Act 231 of 2014, for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, including grant matching, in a sum not to exceed.....\$90,000.

SECTION 4. REAPPROPRIATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division the following:

(A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided in Item (A) Section 9 of Act 231 of 2014, for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, including grant matching, in a sum not to exceed.....\$309,112.

1 (B) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
2 in Item (B) Section 9 of Act 231 of 2014, for a transfer to the Educational
3 Television Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses for the
4 "Honoring Arkansas' War Heroes - Documenting Stories of Arkansas' World War
5 II Veterans" documentation project, in a sum not to exceed.....\$260,000.

6 (C) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
7 in Item (C) Section 9 of Act 231 of 2014, for construction, renovation,
8 maintenance, critical maintenance, equipment, security enhancements,
9 technology upgrades/equipment, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair
10 of real property and facilities, including grant matching, in a sum not to
11 exceed.....\$47,179.

12 (D) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
13 in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 45 of 2014, for costs associated with the
14 planning for a Northwest Communications Center and implementing, equipping,
15 maintenance and operating expenses of an AETN satellite broadcasting site in
16 Northwest Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed.....\$99,904.

17 (E) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
18 in Item (B) Section 1 of Act 45 of 2014, for costs associated with
19 implementing an AETN satellite broadcasting site in Northwest Arkansas and
20 for use by the University of Arkansas and AETN, in a sum not to exceed
21\$89,191.

22 (F) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
23 in Item (C) Section 1 of Act 45 of 2014, for costs associated with general
24 network maintenance needed to secure the state's investment in technology and
25 to provide state matching for federal grants, in a sum not to exceed
26\$26,971.

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28 SECTION 5. REAPPROPRIATION - SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - GENERAL
29 IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education -
30 Arkansas School for the Blind, to be payable from the General Improvement
31 Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the Department of Education
32 - Arkansas School for the Blind the following:

33 (A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
34 in Item (A) Section 6 of Act 231 of 2014, for various maintenance,
35 renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and
36 repair of real property and facilities, in a sum not to exceed

1\$1,900,000.

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3 SECTION 6. REAPPROPRIATION - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT.

4 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas
5 School for the Deaf, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its
6 successor fund or fund accounts, for the Department of Education - Arkansas
7 School for the Deaf the following:

8 (A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided
9 in Item (A) Section 7 of Act 231 of 2014, for various maintenance,
10 renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and
11 repair of real property and facilities, in a sum not to exceed
12\$4,600,000.

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

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

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33 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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