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A Bill

SENATE BILL 598

By: Senator Collins-Smith

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OZARKA COLLEGE
FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE OZARKA COLLEGE GENERAL
IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
hereby appropriated, to the Ozarka College, to be payable from the General
Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,
equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library
resources of an Information Technology Center and Student Center, in a sum
not to exceed.....\$1,500,000.

(B) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,
equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library
resources of a Health and Fitness Center, in a sum not to exceed
.....\$750,000.

(C) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,
equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library
resources of a Fulton County Education Center, in a sum not to
exceed.....\$500,000.

(D) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,
equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, paving



1 projects, lighting projects and library resources of the Mammoth Spring
2 campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$100,000.

3 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$200,000.

4 (F) for repair or replacement of equipment and library holdings, in a
5 sum not to exceed.....\$172,650.

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7 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
8 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
9 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
10 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
11 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
12 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
13 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
14 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
15 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
16 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
17 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
18 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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35 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
36 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

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