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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1498

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS  
9 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE  
14 DEPARTMENT - CAPITAL PROJECTS GENERAL  
15 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS. There  
22 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable  
23 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
24 following:

25 (A) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, professional  
26 services contracts for air tankers, construction, acquisition, improvement,  
27 upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities of the Arkansas  
28 Agriculture Department, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

29 (B) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, professional  
30 services contracts for air tankers, construction, acquisition, improvement,  
31 upgrade, repair of real property and facilities, personal services and  
32 operational expenses related to agricultural disasters, in a sum not to  
33 exceed.....\$10,000,000.

34 (C) for construction of New Office Space, Laboratories and Support  
35 Facilities for the Department of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed  
36 .....\$6,000,000.



1 (D) for grants for various maintenance, renovation, equipping,  
2 construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property  
3 and facilities relating to County and District Fairs, in a sum not to exceed  
4 .....\$847,200.

5 (E) for a grant or low interest loan for the Arkansas Agriculture  
6 Department - Plant Board to pay for debts associated with the Boll Weevil  
7 Suppression and Eradication Act, in a sum not to exceed.....\$13,800,000.

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9 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - BOND PROCEEDS CAPITAL PROJECTS. There is  
10 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable  
11 from Bond Proceeds, the following:

12 (A) for construction of New Office Space, Laboratories and Support  
13 Facilities for the Department of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed  
14 .....\$60,000,000.

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16 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
17 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
18 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
19 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
20 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
21 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
22 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
23 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
24 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
25 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
26 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
27 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

28 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State  
29 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
30 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
31 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
32 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
33 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided  
34 otherwise by law.

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36 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

1 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
2 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
3 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
4 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
5 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
6 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
7 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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9 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
10 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
11 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
12 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of  
13 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
14 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
15 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm  
16 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
17 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
18 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
19 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.  
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21 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*  
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