

1 State of Arkansas
2 91st General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1695

5 By: Representative Lowery
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ARKANSAS
9 IMAGINATION LIBRARY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
10 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
14 ARKANSAS IMAGINATION LIBRARY
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL
16 YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS IMAGINATION LIBRARY. There is hereby
23 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the
24 Department of Education Public School Fund Account, the following:

25 (A) for operating expenses and grants and aid for a grant for the
26 Arkansas Imagination Library to provide books to children from birth to five
27 (5) years of age at no cost to families, regardless of income by the
28 Department of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, in a sum
29 not to exceed.....\$750,000.
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31 SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
32 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
33 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
34 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
35 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
36 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal



1 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
2 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
3 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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14 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
15 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
16 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
17 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of
18 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
19 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
20 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm
21 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
22 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
23 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
24 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.