



STATE OF ARKANSAS
MIKE BEEBE
GOVERNOR

January 15, 2014

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the introduction of the attached supplemental appropriation bill for FY2014 for the Arkansas Department of Education as a Joint Budget Committee Bill.

This bill provides appropriation to the Department of Education Public School Fund to establish the state Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program for local school districts. This program would be funded through a one-time transfer from the unobligated balances in the General Improvement Fund.

I would also request that this appropriation, local matching requirement and carry forward funding language be amended into the Department's FY2015 appropriation bill as well.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mike Beebe

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1 State of Arkansas
2 89th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2014
4

A Bill

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
6

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS AND AID TO
9 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL
11 AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT
12 1309 OF 2013; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
13

Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
15 GRANTS AND AID TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS
16 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-
17 2014 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - BROADBAND FACILITIES MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM.
24 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
25 from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, for matching
26 funds for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program for the fiscal year
27 ending June 30, 2014, the following:
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29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 NO.	2013-2014
31 (01) BROADBAND GRANTS STATE MATCH	\$ <u>10,000,000</u>

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33 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
34 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. BROADBAND
35 FACILITIES MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM - MATCHING FUNDS. The funds appropriated

1 for state match for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program in this
2 Act shall be paid on a one-to-one state/local matching basis.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
4 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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6 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPERATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
8 TRANSFER - BROADBAND FACILITIES MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM. Immediately upon the
9 effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall
10 transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor
11 of the State the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) from the
12 unobligated funds in the General Improvement Fund to the Department of
13 Education Public School Fund Account to provide matching funds for the
14 Broadband Facilities Matching Grant Program.

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16 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
17 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. Any unexpended
18 balance of monies allocated for the Broadband Facilities Matching Grant
19 Program remaining on June 30, 2014, in the Department of Education Public
20 School Fund Account shall be designated and retained for the Broadband Grant
21 Matching Program.

22 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein,
23 may be carried forward under the following conditions:

24 (1) Prior to June 30, 2014 the Agency shall by written statement set
25 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
26 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

27 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
28 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
29 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
30 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
31 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
32 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
33 written request set forth in (1) above;

34 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a
35 written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
36 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written

1 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
2 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
3 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
4 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
5 Committee; and

6 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall
7 include all information obtained in item (3) above in the budget manuals
8 and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or
9 Institution.

10 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
11 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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13 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
14 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
15 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
16 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
17 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
18 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
19 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
20 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
21 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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32 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the Eighty-
33 Ninth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
34 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period;
35 that the effectiveness of this Act on the date of its passage and approval is
36 essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this

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

8 If this bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
9 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
10 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
11 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
12 overrides the veto.



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Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
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Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the introduction of the attached supplemental appropriation bill for FY2014 for the Department of Arkansas State Police (ASP) as a Joint Budget Committee Bill. This bill provides supplemental appropriation and Special Language authority to allow the Department to pay overtime and matching to employees of the agency's Interdiction Team to improve enforcement against drug related activities. This is considered an allowable use of the federal portion of these funds by the U.S. Department of Justice.

This bill does not affect my recommendation for general revenue funding as it provides for appropriation only. I also respectfully request that these changes be made for the Department's FY2015 appropriation bill as well. I appreciate your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

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1 State of Arkansas
2 89th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2014
4

A Bill

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
6

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR CONFISCATED
9 FUNDS TRANSFER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE
10 POLICE WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION
11 TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1205 OF 2013; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
13

Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS
15 STATE POLICE SUPPLEMENTAL 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 - CONFISCATED FUNDS TRANSFER. There is hereby
22 appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas State Police, to be payable from
23 the Court Awards Fund, for fund transfers, refunds, and investments of the
24 Department of Arkansas State Police - Confiscated Funds Transfer which shall
25 be supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in Section 6 of
26 Act 1205 of 2013, the following:
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28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 NO.	2013-2014
30 (01) REFUNDS-INVEST-TRANSFER	<u>\$ 150,000</u>

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32 SECTION 2. Section 14 of Act 1205 of the Regular Session of 2013 is
33 hereby amended to read as follows:
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35 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE
36 ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

1 COURT AWARDS FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. Monies deposited in the Court Awards
2 Fund each fiscal year may be used for motor vehicle purchases and associated
3 taxes and/or motor vehicle equipping and renovation costs, overtime,
4 personal services matching, agency operational needs and capital
5 improvements for the Department of Arkansas State Police. Provided however,
6 funds received from the Special State Assets Forfeiture Fund shall be
7 deposited into the Court Awards Fund to be used by the Department of
8 Arkansas State Police for law enforcement purposes consistent with governing
9 federal law. The Department of Arkansas State Police may also request a
10 fund transfer from the Court Awards Fund or the Department of Arkansas State
11 Police Fund to the Motor Vehicle Acquisition Revolving Fund. The provisions
12 of this section shall be subject to prior review and approval of the
13 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

14 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
15 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal
16 year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually
17 accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a
18 state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund
19 and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further,
20 the General Assembly has determined that the Department of Arkansas State
21 Police may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the
22 Department of Arkansas State Police authorizing broad powers under this
23 Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
24 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative
25 Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The
26 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
27 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by
28 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional
29 by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2013
31 through June 30, 2014.

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33 SECTION 3. Section 15 of Act 1205 of the Regular Session of 2013 is
34 hereby amended to read as follows:

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36 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE

1 ARKANSAS CODE NOT PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
2 TRANSFER PROVISION. The Department of Arkansas State Police is hereby
3 authorized, after seeking the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
4 State, to request transfer from the appropriation made herein for
5 "Confiscated Funds Transfer" to the Overtime, Personal Services Matching,
6 and Maintenance and General Operations classifications established in the
7 operations appropriation of the Department of Arkansas State Police, and may
8 be used for motor vehicle purchases and associated taxes and/or motor
9 vehicle equipping/renovation costs, agency operational needs and capital
10 improvements for the Department of Arkansas State Police. Fund transfers
11 may be requested from the Court Awards Fund to the Department of Arkansas
12 State Police Fund in the same amount and for the same purposes as the
13 appropriation transfer requested under the provisions of this section. The
14 provisions of this section shall be subject to prior review and approval of
15 the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee.

16 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
17 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal
18 year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually
19 accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a
20 state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund
21 and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further,
22 the General Assembly has determined that the Department of Arkansas State
23 Police may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the
24 Department of Arkansas State Police authorizing broad powers under this
25 Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General
26 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative
27 Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The
28 requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
29 is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by
30 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional
31 by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

32 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2013
33 through June 30, 2014.

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35 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
36 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds

1 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
2 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
3 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
4 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
5 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
7 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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19 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the Eighty-
20 Ninth General Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the
21 operations of the Department of Arkansas State Police are, due to unforeseen
22 circumstances, insufficient to continue to provide essential governmental
23 services; that the provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies
24 for the Department of Arkansas State Police to continue such services; and
25 that a delay in the effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm
26 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
27 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
28 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,
29 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its
30 passage and approval.

31 If this bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
32 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
33 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
34 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
35 overrides the veto.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request introduction of the attached supplemental appropriation bill for FY2014 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs as a Joint Budget Committee Bill. This bill will provide a cash appropriation to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the new Veterans Home and will allow them to pay for future expenses towards the new home.

I would also respectfully request that this appropriation be included for Fiscal Year 2015 as well. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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1 State of Arkansas
2 89th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2014
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A Bill

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
6

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING
9 EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
10 WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE
11 FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 151 OF 2013.
12

Subtitle

13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS'
14 AFFAIRS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - VETERANS' HOME TREASURY - CASH. There is
21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to be payable
22 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the
23 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department
24 of Veterans' Affairs - Veterans' Home Treasury - Cash for the fiscal year
25 ending June 30, 2014, the following:
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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 NO.	2013-2014
29 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 483,000</u>

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32 SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
33 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
34 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
35 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
36 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

1 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
2 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
3 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
4 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

15
16 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
17 Eighty-Ninth General Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly
18 for the operations of the Department of Veterans' Affairs are, due to
19 unforeseen circumstances, insufficient to continue to provide essential
20 governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide the
21 necessary monies for the Department of Veterans' Affairs to continue such
22 services; and that a delay in the effective date of this Act could work
23 irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential
24 governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist
25 and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
26 peace, health, and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after
27 the date of its passage and approval.

28 If this bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
29 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
30 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
31 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
32 overrides the veto.



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Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I forward for your consideration for introduction the attached supplemental appropriation bill for FY2014 for the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) as a Joint Budget Committee Bill.

This bill provides appropriation for the Commercial Truck Safety and Education Fund established by the provisions mandated in Act 1176 of 2013. This will allow AHTD to advance state interests in roadway safety by proposing to improve the safety of the commercial truck industry through cooperative public/private programs that focus on increased enforcement, regulatory compliance, industry training, and educational programs to ensure the safe movement of goods on Arkansas highways.

The Department requests that these changes be made for their FY2015 appropriation bill as well. I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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1 State of Arkansas
2 89th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2014
4

A Bill

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
6

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMMERCIAL
9 TRUCK SAFETY AND EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE ARKANSAS
10 HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT WHICH SHALL BE
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS
12 APPROPRIATED BY ACT 222 of 2013.
13

Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY AND
15 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT - COMMERCIAL
16 TRUCK SAFETY AND EDUCATION SUPPLEMENTAL
17 APPROPRIATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COMMERCIAL TRUCK SAFETY AND EDUCATION
24 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Highway and
25 Transportation Department, to be payable from the Commercial Truck Safety and
26 Education Fund Account, for improving the safety of the commercial truck
27 industry through cooperative public-private programs focusing on increased
28 enforcement, regulatory compliance, industry training, and educational
29 programs to ensure the safe movement of goods on state highways for the
30 Commercial Truck Safety and Education Program, the following:
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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 NO.	2013-2014
34 (01) COMMERCIAL TRUCK SAFETY AND EDUCATION PROGRAM	<u>\$ 3,000,000</u>

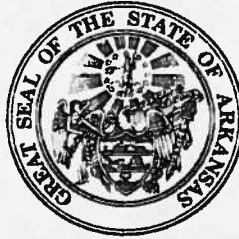
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1 SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
2 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
3 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
4 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
7 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
8 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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

32 If this bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
33 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
34 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
35 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
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Joint Budget Committee
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Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request amendments to the fiscal year 2015 Annual Operations Appropriation Bill for the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Please add the following appropriation section and renumber accordingly:

SECTION APPROPRIATION – ARKANSAS CENTER FOR HEALTH IMPROVEMENT (ACHI). There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for expenses of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
(1) ARKANSAS CENTER FOR HEALTH IMPROVEMENT	\$500,000

Please delete the following special language section and renumber accordingly:

~~SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. NEWBORN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD PROGRAM EXPENDITURES. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall be required to allocate, budget, and expend no less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) each fiscal year from the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Program Expenses line item. The budgeted amount and expenditures may be reduced proportionately for a reduction in allocated General Revenue due to a reduction in the Official General Revenue Forecast.~~

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Representative Duncan Baird, Chair
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~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2013-2014 through June 30, 2014-2015.~~

The appropriation and general revenue funding requested are reflected in my proposed balanced budget and will provide state support for the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement. Additionally, I am recommending removal of the referenced special language section since sufficient funding has not been provided for that program.

Sincerely



Mike Beebe

MB:brs:am



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Senator Larry Teague, Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
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Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request an amendment to the Annual Operations Appropriation Bill for the Office of Health Information Technology.

Please add the following:

Section APPROPRIATION – OFFICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Health Information Technology, payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the State Health Alliance for Records Exchange (SHARE) and the Office of Health Information Technology – State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
(01) State Health Information Exchange Personal Services and Operating Expenses	\$2,200,000

Please delete the following special language section and renumber accordingly:

~~Section SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER PROVISION. At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013-2014, any unexpended balance of funds remaining in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account for~~

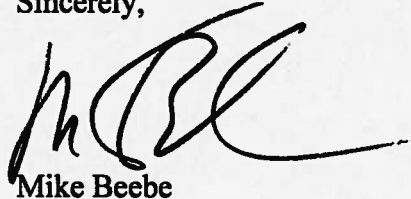
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~~the DFA Health Information Exchange Program shall be transferred to the Health Information Technology Fund to provide state match for the Federal Health Information Technology Program.~~

~~The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2013 2014 through June 30, 2014 2015.~~

This appropriation and general revenue funding are reflected in my proposed balanced budget and will provide supplemental state support for the Health Information Technology Exchange until the program becomes self-sustaining through end user fees. The Special Language is no longer necessary because the program and fund transfer from the Department of Finance and Administration to the Office of Health Information Technology has concluded. I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Mike Beebe

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
MIKE BEEBE
GOVERNOR

January 16, 2014

Senator Larry Teague, Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request an amendment to the Annual Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Waterways Commission. Please add the following:

Section _ APPROPRIATION – WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Waterways Commission, payable from the Arkansas Port, Intermodal and Waterway Development Grant Program Fund, for grants to port authorities and intermodal authorities under the Arkansas Port, Intermodal, and Waterway Development Grant Program for port development projects as defined by Arkansas Code 15-23-205 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
(01) WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	<u>\$210,000</u>

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
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January 16, 2014

Senator Larry Teague, Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request an amendment to the Annual Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Finance and Administration – Revenue Services. Please add the following:

SECTION . APPROPRIATION – REVENUE MISCELLANEOUS CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration – Revenue Service Division, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for distribution of fees and service charges collected on behalf of other entities and for other purposes as authorized by law for the Department of Finance and Administration – Revenue Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

Item No.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) DISTRIBUTION OF FEES/SERVICE CHARGES	2014 - 2015 \$5,000,000

This will allow the Department to distribute International Registration Plan (IPR), Unified Carrier Registration (UCR), and other fees as required by law. I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Beebe

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
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GOVERNOR

January 15, 2014

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for your consideration for introduction the attached supplemental appropriation bill for FY2014 for the Office of Attorney General as a Joint Budget Committee Bill.

This bill adds five positions to coordinate, develop and maintain an Emergency Management Plan, school crisis response programs and training for local emergency service providers for K-12 school districts and Institutions of Higher Education within the State. Please consider these changes for fiscal year 2015 as well.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely

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Mike Beebe

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Attachment

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1 State of Arkansas
2 89th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2014
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A Bill

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE OFFICE OF
9 ATTORNEY GENERAL WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN
10 ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1332 of
11 2013.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
14 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for
21 the Office of Attorney for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the following maximum
22 number of regular employees which shall be supplemental and in addition to
23 those positions authorized in Section 1 of Act 1332 of 2013.
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			Maximum Annual	
			Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Year
28	No.	Code Title	Employees	2011-2012
29	(1)	Q007U INVESTIGATOR I	1	\$69,547
30	(2)	Q074U FISCAL SPECIALIST II	1	\$51,114
31	(3)	Q057U INVESTIGATOR IV	2	\$50,855
32	(4)	Q055U SECRETARY III	<u>1</u>	\$41,326
33		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5	

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1 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to
2 the Office of Attorney General, to be payable from the State Central Services
3 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of Attorney
4 General for the fiscal year ending June 30,2014, the following:

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6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 NO.	2013-2014
8 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 263,697
9 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>71,199</u>
10 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 334,896

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12 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
13 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
14 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
15 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
16 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
17 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
18 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
19 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
20 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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22 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
23 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
24 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
25 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
26 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
27 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
28 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
29 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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31 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the Eighty-
32 Ninth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
33 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period;
34 that the effectiveness of this Act on the date of its passage and approval is
35 essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this
36 Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative

1 session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond the date of its
2 passage and approval could work irreparable harm upon the proper
3 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore an
4 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
5 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
6 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

7 If this bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
8 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
9 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
10 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
11 overrides the veto.



STATE OF ARKANSAS
MIKE BEEBE
GOVERNOR

January 16, 2014

Senator Larry Teague, Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request an amendment to the Annual Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Science & Technology Authority.

Please add the following position to SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES:

Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015
G030N	ASTA Assistant Dir. of STEM Education	1	Grade N902

Please amend Section 3 to reflect the following amounts:

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS.

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2014 – 2015
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$689,794
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$218,032
(05)	ARKANSAS RESEARCH MATCH	\$292,653
(08)	ARKANSAS ACCELERATION FUND PROGRAMS	\$3,500,000

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STATE OF ARKANSAS

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Please add the following new sections: **GOVERNOR**

SECTION _ APPROPRIATION – STEM EDUCATION – CASH. There is hereby appropriated to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority – STEM Education – Cash for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2014 – 2015</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$50,388
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>15,042</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$65,430</u>

SECTION _ SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. APPROPRIATION AND FUNDS TRANSFERS. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the President of the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority is authorized to transfer appropriation and funds from the State Operations – Arkansas Acceleration Fund Programs line item within the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to the Arkansas Acceleration Fund. The total of all transfers shall not exceed \$3,500,000.

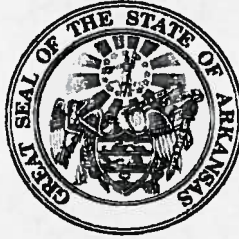
General revenue funding for the additional position and appropriation increase has been included in my balanced budget. I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
MIKE BEEBE
GOVERNOR

January 16, 2014

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

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Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for your consideration for introduction an amendment to the FY2015 Annual Operations Appropriation for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Please amend Section 4 to add the following amount:

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – GAS LEASE REVENUES.

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2014 – 2015
(03) DEBT SERVICE	\$8,715,000

This change provides appropriation necessary to retire bonds related to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Acquisition Project.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Beebe

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
MIKE BEEBE
GOVERNOR

January 16, 2014

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the introduction of an amendment to the FY2015 Annual Operations Appropriation Bill for the State Turnback for Counties and Municipalities by the Office of Treasurer of State. Please make the following change:

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. Funding provided in Sections 7 and 8 of this Act from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund shall not be distributed unless there are sufficient funds in the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund as of the date that the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State certifies the amount in excess of the required reimbursement to the counties as provided in §26-26-310(b)(2)(C)(i). If there are sufficient funds remaining in the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund on December 31, 2013 2014, as certified, the Treasurer shall distribute ~~four million dollars (\$4,000,000)~~ two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to counties and ~~four million dollars (\$4,000,000)~~ two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to cities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 2015 from the balance remaining on December 31, 2013 2014 from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund. The distribution to counties shall be made in accordance with the distribution formula in §19-5-602(c). The distribution to cities shall be made in accordance with the distribution formula in §19-5-601(b). The funds attributable to sales and use taxes levied prior to July 1, 2013 2014 shall not be transferred from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund to the cities and counties.

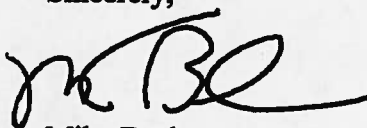
The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2013 2014 through June 30, 2014 2015.

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Representative Duncan Baird, Chair
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This change is to provide clarification and is consistent with the Executive and Legislative Recommendations made during the Fall 2013-2015 Budget hearings and approved during the 2013 Regular Session.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mike Beebe

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STATE OF ARKANSAS
MIKE BEEBE
GOVERNOR

January 16, 2014

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the introduction of the attached supplemental appropriation bill for FY2014 for the Public Defender Commission as a Joint Budget Committee Bill.

This change will allow those individuals employed by the Public Defender Commission or other state agency to be contracted by the Public Defender Commission in the event the employee is appointed to provide defense representation by a judge, such as in capital defense cases with multiple defendants or cases involving juveniles. I also respectfully request that these changes be made for the Commission's FY2015 appropriation bill as well.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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1 State of Arkansas
2 89th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2014

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE ARKANSAS
9 PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION WHICH SHALL BE
10 SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS
11 APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1394 OF 2013; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION
16 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-
17 2014 FISCAL 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 - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
23 appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Defender Commission, to be payable from
24 the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses of the Arkansas
25 Public Defender Commission - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June
26 30, 2014, the following:

28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	NO.	2013-2014
30	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$0
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
33	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
35	(E) DATA PROC.	0

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$100,000

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3 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
4 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PROVIDING
5 PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES AGREEMENT. The Public Defender Commission shall
6 have the authority to enter into a professional services agreement with a
7 person who is serving as a public defender or employed as an attorney with a
8 state agency when the employee has been appointed to provide defense
9 representation services by a judge. The total of the professional services
10 contract and the attorney's salary cannot exceed 25% above the maximum of the
11 pay grade of the employee's position.

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
13 2013 through June 30, 2014.

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15 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
16 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
17 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
18 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
19 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
20 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
21 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
22 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
23 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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25 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
26 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
27 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
28 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
29 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
30 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
31 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
32 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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34 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the Eighty-
35 Ninth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
36 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period;

1 that the effectiveness of this Act on the date of its passage and approval is
2 essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this
3 Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative
4 session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond the date of its
5 passage and approval could work irreparable harm upon the proper
6 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore an
7 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
8 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
9 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.
10 If this bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
11 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
12 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
13 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
14 overrides the veto.



STATE OF ARKANSAS
MIKE BEEBE
GOVERNOR

January 16, 2014

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair
Representative Duncan Baird, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the introduction of the attached supplemental appropriation bill for FY2014 for the Arkansas Department of Education as a Joint Budget Committee Bill.

This bill provides supplemental appropriation to the Department of Education – Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Fund to provide short-term loans to open-enrollment public charter schools. This program would be funded through a one-time transfer from the unobligated balances in the General Improvement Fund.

The Walton Family Foundation, in partnership with the Arkansas Development Finance Authority, has agreed to provide an in-kind matching contribution of ten million dollars to secure long-term capital bond financing of up to fifty million dollars for these entities.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mike Beebe

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1 State of Arkansas
2 89th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2014
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A Bill

5 By:
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION - DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
11 FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION WHICH SHALL BE
12 SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS
13 APPROPRIATED BY ACT 1400 OF 2013; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
18 DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
19 FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION SUPPLEMENTAL
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL
21 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
26 FACILITIES LOAN PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
27 Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation,
28 to be payable from the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan
29 Fund, for distributing loans to open-enrollment public charter schools for
30 the purposes of the construction, lease or purchase of an academic facility,
31 the repair, improvement, or addition to an academic facility, and enhancing
32 credit for financing purposes by the Department of Education - Division of
33 Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation - Open-Enrollment Public
34 Charter School Facilities Loan Program, which shall be supplemental in
35 addition to those funds appropriated in Section 5 of Act 1400 of 2013, the
36 following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2013-2014
(01) OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES LOANS	<u>\$ 10,000,000</u>

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPERATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES LOANS.

Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) from the unobligated funds in the General Improvement Fund to the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Fund Account to provide funds for distributing loans to open-enrollment public charter schools for the purposes of the construction, lease or purchase of an academic facility, the repair, improvement, or addition to an academic facility, and enhancing credit for financing purposes by the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation - Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan Program.

SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
2 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
3 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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5 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the Eighty-
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7 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period;
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10 Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative
11 session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond the date of its
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13 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,
14 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
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