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A Bill

SENATE BILL 76

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 AGRICULTURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
14 REAPPROPRIATION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
22 Development and Enhancement Fund, for the Department of Agriculture the
23 following:

24 (A) Effective July 1, 2024, the balance of the appropriation provided
25 in Item (A) of Section 1 of Act 219 of 2023, for various maintenance,
26 renovation, equipping, professional services contracts for air tankers,
27 construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property
28 and facilities, personal services and operational expenses related to
29 agricultural disasters, in a sum not to exceed\$5,763.

30 (B) Effective July 1, 2024, the balance of the appropriation provided
31 in Item (B) of Section 1 of Act 219 of 2023, for various maintenance,
32 renovation, equipping, professional services contracts for air tankers,
33 construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property
34 and facilities, in a sum not to exceed\$649.
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36 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - BOND PROCEEDS. There is hereby



1 appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Bond
2 Proceeds, for the Department of Agriculture the following:

3 (A) Effective July 1, 2024, the balance of the appropriation provided
4 in Item (A) of Section 3 of Act 219 of 2023, for construction of New Office
5 Space, Laboratories and Support Facilities for the Department of Agriculture,
6 in a sum not to exceed\$60,000,000.

7 (B) Effective July 1, 2024, the balance of the appropriation provided
8 in Item (B) of Section 3 of Act 219 of 2023, for construction, renovation,
9 repairs and equipping of new office space, laboratories, and support
10 facilities for the Department of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed
11\$60,000,000.
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13 SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - NCRC GRANT. There is hereby appropriated,
14 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and
15 Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the Department of Agriculture
16 the following:

17 (A) Effective July 1, 2024, the balance of the appropriation provided
18 in of Section 25 of Act 479 of 2023, for acquisition, management, stewardship
19 or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures
20 or objects for Poison Springs State Forest and Hot Springs Recharge Area -
21 Phase 8, in a sum not to exceed\$2,786,000.

22 (B) Effective July 1, 2024, the balance of the appropriation provided
23 in of Section 25 of Act 479 of 2023, acquisition, management, stewardship or
24 preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings, structures or
25 objects for Conservation Protection and Forest Management Work Centers, in a
26 sum not to exceed\$269,000.
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28 SECTION 4. REAPPROPRIATION - NECROPSY ROOM IMPROVEMENTS. There is
29 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the
30 Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for the Department of Agriculture
31 the following:

32 (A) Effective July 1, 2024, the balance of the appropriation provided
33 in Item (A) of Section 2 of Act 219 of 2023, for construction, renovation and
34 equipping of the Necropsy Room at the Livestock and Poultry Diagnostic Lab,
35 in a sum not to exceed\$69,563.
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1 SECTION 5. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
2 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
3 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
4 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
5 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
6 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
7 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
8 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
9 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
10 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
11 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
12 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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30 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
31 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
32 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
35 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
36 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm

upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.

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