

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
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4 **By: *Joint Budget Committee***

A Bill

ACT 1055 OF 1995
SENATE BILL 715

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
9 ARKANSAS FOR RESEARCH GRANT MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE MACK-
10 BLACKWELL RURAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION."

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

19 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
20 University of Arkansas, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its
21 successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

22 (A) For research grant matching funds for the Mack-Blackwell Rural
23 Transportation Center, the sum of \$1,200,000.

25 SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The University of Arkansas houses the
26 Mack-Blackwell Rural Transportation Study Center, the only federally-supported
27 "national rural" transportation center. As a rural state, Arkansas' economic
28 future depends heavily upon effective transportation and a viable highway
29 system. The Mack-Blackwell Rural Transportation Study Center was initiated
30 with support from the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Commission and
31 works closely with it to develop solutions for rural transportation. By
32 developing and disseminating knowledge in the latest technologies, the Center
33 is able to ensure continuing improvement in the state's transportation
34 infrastructure.

36 In order to further its mission, the Center must continue to qualify for

1 annual federal grants. These grants require a non-federal match equal to the
2 amount of the federal grant. Therefore, a biennium appropriation of \$1.2
3 million by the General Assembly for the Center will supplement the \$800,000 in
4 the University of Arkansas' budget to fully match the \$2 million in federal
5 funding for federal fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

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

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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 this
31 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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1 SECTION 4. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
2 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
3 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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5 SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
6 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
7 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
8 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
9 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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11 SECTION 6. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
12 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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14 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
15 Eightieth General Assembly, that in order for the Mack-Blackwell Rural
16 Transportation Center to continue to operate effectively, matching funds are
17 required for a federal grant; and that the provisions of this Act provide such
18 funds. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
19 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
20 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
21 approval.

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