

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

Act 1201 of 2001  
SENATE BILL 584

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS  
10 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY TO MATCH FEDERAL  
11 RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND  
16 TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY - TO MATCH FEDERAL  
17 RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES CAPITAL  
18 IMPROVEMENT 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 - RESEARCH GRANT STATE MATCH. There is hereby  
24 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable  
25 from the Arkansas Research Matching Fund, to match federal research grant  
26 opportunities focused on strategic research, the sum of .....\$20,000,000.  
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28 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE  
29 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. A project  
30 placed in the queue for matching monies from the Arkansas Research Matching  
31 Fund will be eligible to receive matching funds for a twelve (12) month  
32 period. The Start of the twelve-month eligibility period will be based on the  
33 award date of the federal grant. Award of matching funds cannot occur after  
34 the eligibility period ends nor can the eligibility period be continued by a  
35 no-cost extension. Multiple-year awards will have multiple years of  
36 eligibility, based on the original award date. Depending on the availability

1 of funds, it is possible that only part of the required match may be provided  
2 from the Arkansas Research Matching Fund during a particular year of  
3 eligibility. Projects will stay in queue until funded or until the grant  
4 period expires. Multiple-year projects will stay in the queue multiple years  
5 until the grant period expires, but match eligibility for each year of the  
6 award will be on a year-by-year basis so that the match for a particular year  
7 during the life of a multiple-year grant can only be released during that 12-  
8 month period.

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10 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE  
11 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING  
12 TRANSFER. When funds are authorized to be made available through the  
13 provisions of the General Improvement Distribution Act of 2001 to match  
14 federal research grant opportunities focused on basic and strategic research  
15 herein and upon meeting all other conditions as set out by law, the Chief  
16 Fiscal Officer of the State and State Treasurer shall transfer the sum of  
17 twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000), or so much thereof as is made available  
18 therefrom, from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
19 accounts to the Arkansas Research Matching Fund there to be used for such  
20 purposes as appropriated herein.

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22 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
23 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
24 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
25 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
26 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
27 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
28 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
29 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
30 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
31 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
32 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
33 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

34 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
35 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
36 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State

1 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
2 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
3 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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

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14 SECTION 6. 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 two (2) year period; that the  
17 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2001 is essential to the operation of the  
18 agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the  
19 event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date  
20 of this Act beyond July 1, 2001 could work irreparable harm upon the proper  
21 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an  
22 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the  
23 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full  
24 force and effect from and after July 1, 2001.

25 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*

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28 APPROVED: 3/30/2001  
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