

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001
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A Bill

Act 387 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 1708

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION FOR CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REPAIR,
11 MAINTENANCE, PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, GRANTS AND LOAN
12 PAYMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
16 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby
23 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the General
24 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:
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26 (A) For construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of
27 equipment for various capital projects or facility improvements, the sum of
28 \$500,000.

29 (B) For loan payments to the Teacher Retirement System for the state-wide
30 public school computer system, the sum of \$5,800,586.

31 (C) For Economic Education Grants, the sum of \$200,000.
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33 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby
34 appropriated, to the Department of Education-Arkansas School for the Blind, to
35 be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
36 accounts, the following:

1 (A) For construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of
2 equipment for various capital projects or facility improvements, the sum of
3\$500,000.
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5 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby
6 appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf,
7 to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
8 accounts, the following:

9 (A) For construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of
10 equipment for various capital projects or facility improvements, the sum of
11\$500,000.
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13 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby
14 appropriated, to the Department of Education - Educational Television
15 Division, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
16 fund or fund accounts, the following:

17 (A) For costs associated the infrastructure transition needed to complete
18 the Digital Conversion of the Network - Phase II, the sum of
19\$7,000,000.

20 (B) For costs associated with general network maintenance needed to secure
21 the state's investment in technology and to provide state matching for federal
22 grants, the sum of\$2,000,000.
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24 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - TRUST. There is hereby appropriated, to the
25 Department of Education, to be payable from the Educational Building Revenue
26 Bond Fund, the following:

27 (A) For costs associated with renovation, repair and maintenance of the
28 Department of Education buildings and facilities located at the State Capitol
29 Complex, the sum of\$750,000.
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31 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the
32 Department of Education - Educational Television Division, to be payable from
33 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the
34 following:

35 (A) For costs associated with the infrastructure transition needed to
36 complete the Digital Conversion of the Network - Phase II as mandated by the

1 FCC by 2003, the sum of\$3,000,000.

2 (B) For costs associated with general network maintenance needed to secure
3 the state's investment in technology, the sum of\$1,000,000.

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5 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS - SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS & SCIENCES - FEDERAL.

6 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
7 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
8 the following:

9 (A) For costs associated with the renovation of the Main Building's 7th
10 floor, so that the school can develop a state distance education program and
11 teacher enhancement programs, the sum of\$64,800.

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13 SECTION 8. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
14 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
15 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
16 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
17 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
18 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
19 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
20 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
21 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
22 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
23 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
24 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

25 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
26 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
27 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
28 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
29 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
30 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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32 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
33 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
34 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
35 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
36 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 Joint
3 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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5 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
7 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2001 is essential to the operation of the
9 agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the
10 event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date
11 of this Act beyond July 1, 2001 could work irreparable harm upon the proper
12 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an
13 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
14 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full
15 force and effect from and after July 1, 2001.

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