

**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.
Act 1021 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

SENATE BILL 508

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5 By: Senator Capps
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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 FOR CONNECT
11 ARKANSAS EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND
15 TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY - CONNECT ARKANSAS
16 EXPENSES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
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 - CONNECT ARKANSAS EXPENSES. There is hereby
24 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable
25 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
26 following:

27 (A) For personal services, salaries, operating expenses, professional
28 fees, data processing, technology, maintenance, research and development,
29 equipping, acquisition, and research and development projects to enable
30 Connect Arkansas, Inc. to fulfil its duties and responsibilities under the
31 Connect Arkansas Broadband Act, the sum of\$2,975,000.
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33 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
34 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
35 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available



1 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
2 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
3 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
4 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
5 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
6 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
7 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
8 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
9 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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26 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
27 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
28 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of
30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
31 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
32 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the
33 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
34 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
35 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
36 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.

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APPROVED: 4/7/2009