

**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 511 of the Regular Session**

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

HOUSE BILL 1504

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  
10 OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
11 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE  
15 EDUCATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
16 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. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby  
23 appropriated, to the Department of Workforce Education, to be payable from  
24 the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
25 following:

26 (A) For operating expenses for an internet-based college and career  
27 planning system, the sum of .....\$700,000.  
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29 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT - STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS  
30 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Workforce  
31 Education, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor  
32 fund or fund accounts, the following:

33 (A) For grants and aid by the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education's  
34 Arkansas Technical Careers Student Loan Forgiveness Program, the sum of  
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SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT - EQUIPMENT UPGRADE AND REPLACEMENT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Workforce Education, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For equipment upgrade and replacement for Career and Technical Education Programs in Arkansas' high schools, junior high and middle schools and secondary area technical centers or secondary area vocational centers, the sum of .....\$2,000,000.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - TECHNICAL INSTITUTES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Workforce Education, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For transfers of or refund to expenditures for capital balances to Northwest Technical Institute, Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute, and Riverside Vocational Technical School for construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment for various capital projects or facility improvements, the sum of .....\$2,000,000.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Workforce Education, to be payable from the Federal Surplus Property Fund, the following:

(A) For Federal Surplus Property roof repair and building renovation, the sum of .....\$520,000.

SECTION 6. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General

1 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
2 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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19 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
20 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
21 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
22 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of  
23 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
24 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
25 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the  
26 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
27 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
28 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
29 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.

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31 **APPROVED: 3/24/2009**  
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