

**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 910 of the Regular Session**

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

HOUSE BILL 1766

5 By: Representative W. Lewellen  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY  
10 OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - INSTITUTE ON  
11 AGING FOR TELEMEDICINE EQUIPMENT FOR NURSING HOME  
12 PATIENT CONSULTS AND EVALUATIONS BY PHYSICIANS;  
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
16 FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - INSTITUTE ON  
17 AGING TELEMEDICINE EQUIPMENT FOR NURSING  
18 HOME PATIENT CONSULTS AND EVALUATIONS BY  
19 PHYSICIANS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
20 APPROPRIATION.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - INSTITUTE ON AGING TELEMEDICINE EQUIPMENT.  
28 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical  
29 Sciences, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor  
30 fund or fund accounts, the following:

31 (A) For telemedicine equipment for nursing home patient consults and  
32 evaluations by physicians to reduce medication errors, hospitalization rates  
33 and nursing care costs, the sum of .....\$38,000.  
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35 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor



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

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

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

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

1 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
2 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.

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