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2 88th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1331

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

8 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL  
9 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ARKANSAS  
10 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND  
15 TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY REAPPROPRIATION.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND VARIOUS PROJECTS. There is  
22 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be  
23 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
24 accounts, for the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority the following:

25 (A) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
26 in Item (C) Section 1 of Act 101 of 2010, for maintenance and operations of  
27 the Cyberinfrastructure Center for Applied Technology, in a sum not to exceed  
28 .....\$7,009,376.

29 (B) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
30 in Item (D) Section 1 of Act 101 of 2010, for Basic Research Grants to fund  
31 original, innovative investigators for the advancement of scientific or  
32 technological knowledge, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

33 (C) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
34 in Item (E) Section 1 of Act 101 of 2010, for Research Matching Grants to  
35 provide state matching funds to leverage federal funds, in a sum not to  
36 exceed.....\$3,000,000.



1 (D) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
2 in Item (F) Section 1 of Act 101 of 2010, for Centers for Applied Technology  
3 Grants to support applied technology in areas of advanced materials and  
4 manufacturing systems, agriculture, food sciences, environmental sciences,  
5 biotechnology, bioengineering, life sciences and information technology, in a  
6 sum not to exceed.....\$713,177.

7 (E) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
8 in Item (G) Section 1 of Act 101 of 2010, for Seed Capital Investments in  
9 early-stage companies in Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

10 (F) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
11 in Item (H) Section 1 of Act 101 of 2010, for Post-Doctoral Scientist and  
12 Engineering Grants to Arkansas companies who will be employing qualifying  
13 graduates, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.

14 (G) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
15 in Item (I) Section 1 of Act 101 of 2010, for a transfer to the Arkansas  
16 Research Infrastructure Fund for grants for research, research infrastructure  
17 and talented researchers, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,950,000.

18 (H) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
19 in Item (J) Section 1 of Act 101 of 2010, for a transfer to the Arkansas Risk  
20 Capital Matching Fund for technology validation and enterprise development  
21 investments, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.

22 (I) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
23 in Item (K) Section 1 of Act 101 of 2010, for Technology Development Grants  
24 and Seed Capital Investments, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,315,438.

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26 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS RESEARCH ALLIANCE. There is  
27 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be  
28 payable from the Arkansas Research Infrastructure Fund, for the Arkansas  
29 Science and Technology Authority the following:

30 (A) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
31 in Item (A) Section 2 of Act 101 of 2010, for grants for research, research  
32 infrastructure and talented researchers, in a sum not to exceed  
33 .....\$4,288,950.  
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35 SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - RISK CAPITAL MATCHING. There is hereby  
36 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable

1 from the Arkansas Risk Capital Matching Fund, for the Arkansas Science and  
2 Technology Authority the following:

3 (A) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
4 in Item (A) Section 3 of Act 101 of 2010, for technology validation and  
5 enterprise development investments, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.  
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7 SECTION 4. REAPPROPRIATION - SEED CAPITAL INVESTMENT. There is hereby  
8 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable  
9 from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief  
10 Fiscal Officer of the State, for the Arkansas Science and Technology  
11 Authority the following:

12 (A) Effective July 1, 2011, the balance of the appropriation provided  
13 in Item (A) Section 4 of Act 101 of 2010 and Section 4 of Act 117 of 2010,  
14 for investments in technology based businesses of the Arkansas Science and  
15 Technology Authority - Seed Capital Investment, in a sum not to exceed  
16 .....\$4,473,653.  
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18 SECTION 5. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
19 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
20 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
21 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
22 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
23 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
24 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
25 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
26 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
27 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
28 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
29 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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2 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
3 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
4 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
5 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
6 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
7 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
8 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
9 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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11 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
12 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
13 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
14 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of  
15 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
16 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
17 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm  
18 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
19 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
20 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
21 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.  
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