

1 State of Arkansas
2 89th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2013
4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 401

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
6

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS
9 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
10 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
11
12

Subtitle

13 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
14 DEPARTMENT GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
15 APPROPRIATION.
16
17
18

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
20

21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby
22 appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the
23 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
24 following:

25 (A) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, professional
26 services contracts for air tankers, construction, acquisition, improvement,
27 upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities of the Arkansas
28 Agriculture Department, in a sum not to exceed.....\$26,598,134.

29 (B) for a grant of low interest loan to pay for the debts associated
30 with the Arkansas Boll Weevil Suppression Eradication Act, in a sum not to
31 exceed.....\$13,800,000.

32 (C) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,
33 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities
34 relating to County and District Fairs, in a sum not to exceed.....\$847,200.

35 (D) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, professional
36 services contracts for air tankers, construction, acquisition, improvement,



1 upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, personal services and
 2 operational expenses related to agricultural disasters, in a sum not to
 3 exceed.....\$10,000,000.
 4

5 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
 6 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
 7 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
 8 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
 9 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
 10 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
 11 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
 12 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
 13 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
 14 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
 15 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
 16 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

17 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
 18 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
 19 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
 20 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
 21 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
 22 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
 23

24 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 25 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 26 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 27 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 28 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 29 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 30 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 31 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
 32

33 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

8
9
10 **APPROVED: 03/01/2013**
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36