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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1334

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 SCIENCE
10 AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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

24 (A) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
25 in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 6 of 2012, for Research Matching Grants to
26 provide state matching funds to leverage federal funds, in a sum not to
27 exceed.....\$10,036.

28 (B) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
29 in Item (B) Section 1 of Act 6 of 2012, for Centers for Applied Technology
30 Grants to support applied technology in areas of advanced materials and
31 manufacturing systems, agriculture, food sciences, environmental sciences,
32 biotechnology, bioengineering, life sciences and information technology, in a
33 sum not to exceed.....\$201,907.

34 (C) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
35 in Item (C) Section 1 of Act 6 of 2012, for Seed Capital Investments in
36 early-stage companies in Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed.....\$642,653.



1 (D) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
2 in Item (E) Section 1 of Act 6 of 2012, for a transfer to the Arkansas
3 Acceleration Fund for grants and incentives to accelerate the economy of the
4 State through technology and knowledge-based development, in a sum not to
5 exceed.....\$13,700,000.

6 (E) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
7 in Item (F) Section 1 of Act 6 of 2012, for a grant for Infrastructure
8 Technology expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$250,000.

9 (F) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
10 in Item (G) Section 1 of Act 6 of 2012, for Basic Research Grants to fund
11 original, innovative investigators for the advancement of scientific or
12 technological knowledge, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,260,896.

13 (G) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
14 in Item (H) Section 1 of Act 6 of 2012, for biotechnology projects, basic
15 research projects and applied research, in a sum not to exceed
16\$2,130,920.

17 (H) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
18 in Item (I) Section 1 of Act 6 of 2012, for grants for research, research
19 infrastructure and talented researchers, in a sum not to exceed
20\$1,100,000.

21 (I) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
22 in Item (J) Section 1 of Act 6 of 2012, for matching funds for a grant from
23 the National Science Foundation, in a sum not to exceed.....\$962,703.

24 (J) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
25 in Item (K) Section 1 of Act 6 of 2012, for providing grants and assistance
26 to start-up technology oriented businesses, in a sum not to exceed
27\$3,000,000.

28 (K) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
29 in Item (L) Section 1 of Act 6 of 2012, for technology validation, enterprise
30 development investments and investments in technology based businesses, in a
31 sum not to exceed.....\$1,400,000.

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33 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS RESEARCH ALLIANCE. There is
34 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be
35 payable from the Arkansas Research Infrastructure Fund, for the Arkansas
36 Science and Technology Authority the following:

1 (A) Effective July 1, 2013, the balance of the appropriation provided
2 in Item (A) Section 2 of Act 6 of 2012, for grants for research, research
3 infrastructure and talented researchers, in a sum not to exceed
4\$666,666.
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6 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
7 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
8 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
9 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
10 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
11 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
12 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
13 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
14 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
15 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
16 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
17 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

18 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
19 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
20 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
21 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
22 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
23 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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25 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
27 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
28 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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34 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
35 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
36 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

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

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11 **APPROVED: 03/01/2013**
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