

1 State of Arkansas  
2 89th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1428

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF  
9 HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR PERSONAL SERVICES,  
10 OPERATING EXPENSES, AND GRANTS OF THE OFFICE OF  
11 HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF HEALTH  
16 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - PERSONAL  
17 SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES AND GRANTS  
18 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PERSONAL SERVICES, OPERATING EXPENSES, AND  
25 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of Health Information  
26 Technology, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor  
27 fund or fund accounts, the following:

28 (A) for personal services and operating expenses of the Office of  
29 Health Information Technology (OHIT), for the State Health Alliance for  
30 Records Exchange (SHARE), and for grants to rural or critical access  
31 hospitals, in a sum not to exceed.....\$8,500,000.  
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33 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
34 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
35 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
36 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and



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

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

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

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25 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
26 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
27 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
30 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
31 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
32 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
33 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
34 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
35 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

36 APPROVED: 03/01/2013