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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 549

5 By: Senator G. Stubblefield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 EDUCATION FOR GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN FISCAL
10 DISTRESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL DISTRESS GRANTS
15 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL DISTRESS GRANTS.

21 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable
22 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
23 following:
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25 (A) for grants to school districts in fiscal distress for personal
26 services and operating expenses, construction, improvements, equipment,
27 renovation and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed
28\$1,000,000.
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SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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31 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
32 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
33 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
34 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
35 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.
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2 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
3 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
4 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
5 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
6 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
7 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
8 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
9 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
10 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
11 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
12 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
13 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

14 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
15 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
16 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
17 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
18 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
19 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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21 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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30 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
31 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
32 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of
34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
35 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
36 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm

1 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
2 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
3 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
4 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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