

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

SENATE BILL 645

5 By: Senator K. Ingram  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ECONOMIC  
9 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC  
10 DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
15 COMMISSION - REGIONAL ECONOMIC  
16 DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT GRANTS  
17 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP  
24 ACT GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Economic Development  
25 Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor  
26 fund or fund accounts, the following:

27 (A) for Regional Economic Development Partnership grants as authorized  
28 under the provisions of Arkansas Code 15-4-3401 through 15-4-3412, in a sum  
29 not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.  
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31 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
32 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
33 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
34 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
35 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
36 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or



1 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
 2 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
 3 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
 4 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
 5 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
 6 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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

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 36 APPROVED: 04/05/2013