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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1016

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 - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS. There is
21 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be
22 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
23 accounts, for the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority the following:

24 (A) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided
25 in Item (C) Section 1 of Act 241 of 2013, for Seed Capital Investments in
26 early-stage companies in Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed.....\$200,000.

27 (B) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided
28 in Item (I) Section 1 of Act 241 of 2013, for matching funds for a grant from
29 the National Science Foundation, in a sum not to exceed.....\$202,918.

30 (C) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided
31 in Item (A) Section 1 of Act 285 of 2013, for providing grants for basic,
32 Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), and Arkansas
33 Research Alliance (ARA) research, Technology Development and Seed Capital
34 Investments, in a sum not to exceed.....\$13,707,182.

35 (D) Effective July 1, 2014, the balance of the appropriation provided
36 in Item (A) Section 90 of Act 1443 of 2013, for broadband mapping and other



1 activities that will increase broadband access and adoption through better
2 data collection and broadband planning, in a sum not to exceed
3\$1,300,000.
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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.
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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.
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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, 2014 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, 2014 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, 2014.

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