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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 246

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  
10 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE  
14 DEPARTMENT 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 PROJECTS. There is  
21 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable  
22 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for  
23 the Arkansas Agriculture Department the following:

24 (A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided  
25 in Item (D) Section 1 of Act 12 of 2014, for a grant of low interest loan to  
26 pay for the debts associated with the Arkansas Boll Weevil Suppression  
27 Eradication Act, in a sum not to exceed.....\$13,800,000.

28 (B) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided  
29 in Item (C) Section 1 of Act 12 of 2014, for various maintenance, renovation,  
30 equipping, professional services contracts for air tankers, construction,  
31 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities  
32 of the Arkansas Agriculture Department, in a sum not to exceed  
33 .....\$26,598,134.

34 (C) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided  
35 in Item (F) Section 1 of Act 12 of 2014, for various maintenance, renovation,  
36 equipping, professional services contracts for air tankers, construction,



1 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and  
 2 facilities, personal services and operational expenses related to  
 3 agricultural disasters, in a sum not to exceed.....\$9,981,616.

4 (D) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided  
 5 in Item (G) Section 1 of Act 12 of 2014, for a grant for Camp Couchdale for  
 6 personal services and operating expenses, improvements to facilities,  
 7 maintenance, sewer system connection, facility renovation, roof replacement,  
 8 equipment including but not limited to Heating, Ventilation and Air  
 9 Conditioning Units, road-resurfacing and construction of buildings which are  
 10 used to support statewide Future Farmers of America activities, in a sum not  
 11 to exceed.....\$97,500.  
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13 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - NECROPSY ROOM IMPROVEMENTS. There is  
 14 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable  
 15 from the Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for the Arkansas  
 16 Agriculture Department the following:

17 (A) Effective July 1, 2015, the balance of the appropriation provided  
 18 in Item (A) Section 2 of Act 12 of 2014, for construction, renovation and  
 19 equipping of the Necropsy Room at the Livestock and Poultry Diagnostic Lab,  
 20 in a sum not to exceed.....\$69,563.  
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22 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
 23 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
 24 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
 25 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
 26 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
 27 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
 28 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
 29 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
 30 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
 31 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
 32 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
 33 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

34 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
 35 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
 36 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State

1 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
2 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
3 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.  
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5 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
6 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
7 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
8 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
9 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
10 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
11 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
12 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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14 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
15 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
16 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
17 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
18 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
19 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
20 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
21 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
22 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
23 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
24 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.  
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27 APPROVED: 02/18/2015  
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