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A Bill

SENATE BILL 297

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE INSTITUTIONS
9 OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
14 EDUCATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
15 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 - ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - JONESBORO.

21 There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State University, 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 renovation of Wilson Hall, in a sum not to exceed
26\$3,000,000.
- 27 (B) for construction of a Studio Arts addition to the College of Fine
28 Arts, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.
- 29 (C) for renovation of the International Student Center building, in a
30 sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.
- 31 (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,620,000.
- 32 (E) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
33 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,273,164.
- 34 (F) for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal
35 services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of
36 the Arkansas State University System, in a sum not to exceed



1\$15,000,000.

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3 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to the Arkansas Tech University, to be payable from the General
5 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

6 (A) for construction of an Academic Classroom Facility, in a sum not to
7 exceed.....\$3,000,000.

8 (B) for the provision of Instructional Technology on the Ozark Campus,
9 in a sum not to exceed.....\$177,713.

10 (C) for replacement of the Technology and Academic Support building
11 roof on the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$787,549.

12 (D) for technology infrastructure improvements and upgrades, in a sum
13 not to exceed.....\$2,500,000.

14 (E) for renovation and critical maintenance of educational and general
15 buildings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

16 (F) for deferred maintenance at the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to
17 exceed.....\$180,000.

18 (G) for purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
19 holdings at the Ozark Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$160,150.

20 (H) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed....\$2,120,000.

21 (I) for purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
22 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,318,855.

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24 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY. There is hereby
25 appropriated, to the Henderson State University, to be payable from the
26 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
27 following:

28 (A) for Phase I renovation to various campus buildings, in a sum not to
29 exceed.....\$3,000,000.

30 (B) for construction of a School of Business building and renovation of
31 Mooney Hall, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

32 (C) for upgrade and replacement of campus network infrastructure, in a
33 sum not to exceed.....\$1,800,000.

34 (D) for furnishings and equipment for the Hot Springs Education Center,
35 in a sum not to exceed.....\$200,000.

36 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed....\$1,690,000.

1 (F) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
2 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$596,197.

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4 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY. There is
5 hereby appropriated, to the Southern Arkansas University, to be payable from
6 the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
7 following:

8 (A) for constructing and equipping mechanical and electrical
9 engineering laboratories and classrooms, in a sum not to exceed
10\$2,333,950.

11 (B) for technology infrastructure improvements and upgrades, in a sum
12 not to exceed.....\$2,666,050.

13 (C) for construction of agricultural instructional lab facilities, in a
14 sum not to exceed.....\$1,405,500.

15 (D) for renovation and upgrades to the Science, Technology, Engineering
16 and Mathematics training center, in a sum not to exceed.....\$594,500.

17 (E) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,660,000.

18 (F) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
19 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$516,183.

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21 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES.
22 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical
23 Sciences, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
24 fund or fund accounts, the following:

25 (A) for the development of a comprehensive Student Information System,
26 in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,635,381.

27 (B) for an on-campus expansion of the Integrated Clinical Information
28 System Platform, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,364,619.

29 (C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$9,910,000.

30 (D) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
31 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,777,240.

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33 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby
34 appropriated, to the University of Arkansas, to be payable from the General
35 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

36 (A) for costs of constructing an Agricultural Experiment Station

- 1 Headquarters for the Division of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed
- 2\$2,500,000.
- 3 (B) for renovation of the Kimpel Hall building, furnishings, and
- 4 systems, in a sum not to exceed.....\$9,000,000.
- 5 (C) for upgrades to the servers and production equipment of the Clinton
- 6 School, in a sum not to exceed.....\$20,000.
- 7 (D) for the purchase of laboratory and classroom equipment for the
- 8 Criminal Justice Institute, in a sum not to exceed.....\$124,500.
- 9 (E) for the purchase of a towing rig for geophysical equipment, a GPS
- 10 guidance system, and a GPS guided unmanned aerial vehicle with digital and
- 11 infrared camera packages for photogrammetric documentation for the Arkansas
- 12 Archeological Survey, in a sum not to exceed.....\$59,150.
- 13 (F) for construction of high-count underground fiber optic cable along
- 14 a path between Fayetteville to Alma to Fort Smith for the AERON, in a sum not
- 15 to exceed.....\$1,000,000.
- 16 (G) for construction of a Creativity and Innovation Complex for the
- 17 ASMSA, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.
- 18 (H) for repairs, remodeling, and construction of the U of A - System
- 19 Cammack Campus Complex, in a sum not to exceed.....\$570,000.
- 20 (I) for technology upgrades at the U of A - System Office, in a sum not
- 21 to exceed.....\$100,000.
- 22 (J) for costs of constructing a Multi-Purpose Building & Community Hall
- 23 for the ASMSA, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.
- 24 (K) for deferred maintenance for the U of A - Archeological Survey, in
- 25 a sum not to exceed.....\$70,000.
- 26 (L) for technology and equipment upgrades of the Criminal Justice
- 27 Institute, in a sum not to exceed.....\$240,000.
- 28 (M) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$8,430,000.
- 29 (N) for costs of bank stabilization of Coleman Creek for the Division
- 30 of Agriculture - Cooperative Extension Service headquarters, in a sum not to
- 31 exceed.....\$200,000.
- 32 (O) for upgrades and renovations to the Agricultural Research and
- 33 Extension Centers and Stations of the Division of Agriculture, in a sum not
- 34 to exceed.....\$1,000,000.
- 35 (P) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
- 36 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,592,908.

1 (Q) for costs of expansion of office and storage space at the U of A -
2 System Office, in a sum not to exceed.....\$330,000.

3 (R) for deferred maintenance at the U of A - System, in a sum not to
4 exceed.....\$50,000.

5 (S) for costs of constructing and equipping a Food Innovation Center of
6 the Division of Agriculture, in a sum not to exceed.....\$300,000.

7 (T) for deferred maintenance of the Division of Agriculture, in a sum
8 not to exceed.....\$1,510,000.

9 (U) for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal
10 services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of
11 the University of Arkansas System, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.
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13 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - LITTLE ROCK. There
14 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to be
15 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
16 accounts, the following:

17 (A) for improvements to technology infrastructure, in a sum not to
18 exceed.....\$3,000,000.

19 (B) for the costs of improving building infrastructure and performing
20 critical maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.

21 (C) for costs of constructing and equipping an innovation center, in a
22 sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

23 (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,860,000.

24 (E) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
25 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,139,365.
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27 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - MONTICELLO. There
28 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, to be
29 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
30 accounts, the following:

31 (A) for costs of construction of a new Math and Science Center, in a
32 sum not to exceed.....\$4,000,000.

33 (B) for costs of construction of a Workforce/Collegiate Center at the
34 Crossett Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

35 (C) for costs of construction of a General Education Building at the
36 McGehee Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

1 (D) for deferred maintenance at the McGehee Campus, in a sum not to
2 exceed.....\$100,000.

3 (E) for deferred maintenance at the Crossett Campus, in a sum not to
4 exceed.....\$80,000.

5 (F) for costs of renovation of the Music Building, in a sum not to
6 exceed.....\$1,000,000.

7 (G) for costs of renovation of the Fine Arts Building, in a sum not to
8 exceed.....\$1,000,000.

9 (H) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
10 holdings at the Crossett Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$54,485.

11 (I) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
12 holdings at the McGehee Campus, in a sum not to exceed.....\$50,175.

13 (J) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,480,000.

14 (K) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
15 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$382,106.

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17 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - PINE BLUFF. There
18 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, to be
19 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
20 accounts, the following:

21 (A) for the costs of campus wide renovations and repairs, in a sum not
22 to exceed.....\$4,000,000.

23 (B) for the costs of constructing and equipping a
24 Nanotechnology/Biotechnology Center, in a sum not to exceed
25\$1,000,000.

26 (C) for costs of construction of a Life Sciences facility, in a sum not
27 to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

28 (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,370,000.

29 (E) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
30 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$382,673.

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32 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FORT SMITH. There
33 is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be
34 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
35 accounts, the following:

36 (A) for costs of constructing and equipping an Education Building, in a

1 sum not to exceed.....\$3,500,000.

2 (B) for costs of designing, renovating, and equipping the Math-Science
3 building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.

4 (C) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,320,000.

5 (D) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
6 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$909,520.

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8 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS. There is
9 hereby appropriated, to the University of Central Arkansas, to be payable
10 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
11 following:

12 (A) for costs of construction for an addition to, renovation of, and
13 equipment for the Lewis Science Center, in a sum not to exceed
14\$3,250,000.

15 (B) for the costs of optic fiber replacement, in a sum not to exceed
16\$1,750,000.

17 (C) for costs of construction for an addition to, renovation of, and
18 equipment for the Department of Nursing and Department of Communication
19 Sciences and Disorders building, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,000,000.

20 (D) for deferred maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$3,460,000.

21 (E) for the purchase, replacement, and renewal of equipment and library
22 holdings, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,974,261.

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24 SECTION 12. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
25 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
26 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
27 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
28 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
29 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
30 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
31 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
32 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
33 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
34 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
35 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

36 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing

1 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
2 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
3 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
4 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
5 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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7 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
8 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
9 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
10 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
11 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
12 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
13 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
14 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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16 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
17 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
18 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
19 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
20 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
21 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
22 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
23 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
24 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
25 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
26 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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