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A Bill

SENATE BILL 676

5 By: Senator Rice
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF
9 ARKANSAS - FORT SMITH FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
10 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
14 FORT SMITH 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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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
22 hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be
23 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
24 accounts, the following:

25 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,
26 equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment and library
27 resources, in a sum not to exceed.....\$500,000.
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29 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
30 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
31 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
32 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
33 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
34 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
35 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
36 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects



1 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
 2 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
 3 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
 4 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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 22 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 23 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 24 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 25 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
 26 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 27 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 28 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
 29 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 30 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 31 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 32 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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 35 **APPROVED: 03/29/2015**
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