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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1495

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 CORRECTION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND LEASE
10 PAYMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
15 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Correction, to be payable from the
22 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
23 following:

24 (A) for lease payments associated with debt service on a 948-bed
25 institution at Malvern, a 400-bed addition at the Grimes Unit at Newport, and
26 862-bed Special Needs Unit and addition to the Ouachita River Unit at
27 Malvern, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,500,000.

28 (B) for construction to expand the existing visitation center at the
29 McPherson Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$312,430.

30 (C) for construction to expand the existing Administration Building at
31 the McPherson Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$395,439.

32 (D) for construction to provide 576 additional beds at the North
33 Central Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$39,283,656.

34 (E) for expansion and repairs to the existing parking lot at the
35 Ouachita River Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$326,362.

36 (F) for construction of two armories at the Varner and Tucker Units, in



1 a sum not to exceed.....\$138,399.

2 (G) for replacement of obsolete equipment at the East Arkansas Unit
3 Lift Station, in a sum not to exceed.....\$79,313.

4 (H) for replacement of the existing Water Treatment Plant at the Tucker
5 Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,093,848.

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7 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS FARM PROJECTS. There is hereby
8 appropriated, to the Department of Correction, to be payable from the
9 Department of Correction Farm Fund, the following:

10 (A) for construction of grain storage bins at Cummins, Tucker and East
11 Arkansas Units, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,430,250.

12 (B) for maintenance and repair to upgrade the existing feed mill at the
13 Cummins Unit, in a sum not to exceed.....\$889,750.

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15 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
16 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
17 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
18 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
19 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
20 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
21 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
22 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
23 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
24 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
25 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
26 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

27 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
28 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
29 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
30 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
31 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
32 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
33 otherwise by law.

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35 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
36 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

1 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 2 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 3 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 4 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 5 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 6 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 8 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 9 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 10 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 11 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of
 12 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 13 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 14 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm
 15 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 16 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 17 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 18 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.

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