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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 224

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 DEPARTMENT OF
10 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND
11 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
15 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND
16 ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
17 REAPPROPRIATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - CAPITAL
24 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
25 Education, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the
26 Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind the following:

27 (A) Effective July 1, 2023, the balance of the appropriation provided
28 in Item (A) of Section 8 of Act 202 of 2022, for various maintenance,
29 renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and
30 repair of real property and facilities at the Arkansas School for the Blind
31 campus, in a sum not to exceed\$15,000,000.
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33 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND - NCRC
34 GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be
35 payable from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust
36 Fund, for the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Blind the



1 following:

2 (A) Effective July 1, 2023, the balance of the appropriation provided
3 in Section 24 of Act 196 of 2022, for the acquisition, management,
4 stewardship or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,
5 structures or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$528,909.
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7 SECTION 3. REAPPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF - CAPITAL
8 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
9 Education, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, for the
10 Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf the following:

11 (A) Effective July 1, 2023, the balance of the appropriation provided
12 in Item (A) of Section 14 of Act 202 of 2022, for various maintenance,
13 renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and
14 repair of real property and facilities at the Arkansas School for the Deaf
15 campus, in a sum not to exceed\$15,000,000.
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17 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
18 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
19 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
20 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
21 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
22 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
23 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
24 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
25 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
26 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
27 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
28 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

29 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
30 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
31 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
32 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
33 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
34 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
35 otherwise by law.
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1 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 3 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 4 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 10 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 11 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 12 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
 14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 15 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 16 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
 17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 18 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 19 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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