

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 61

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

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9 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
10 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 AGRICULTURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
16 REAPPROPRIATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - NCRC GRANT. There is hereby appropriated,
22 to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable from the Arkansas Natural and
23 Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the Department of Agriculture -
24 Forestry the following:

25 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
26 in Section 24 of Act 297 of 2025, for the acquisition, management,
27 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,
28 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$950,889.

29 (B) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
30 in Section 24 of Act 297 of 2025, for the acquisition, management,
31 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,
32 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$415,000.
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34 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
35 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
36 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available



1 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
2 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
3 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
4 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
5 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
6 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
7 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
8 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
9 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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27 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
29 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
32 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
33 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
34 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
35 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
36 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

1 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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