

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

SENATE BILL 69

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

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR CAPITAL
10 IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
11 DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL
12 AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT
13 899 OF 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
18 DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE SUPPLEMENTAL
19 APPROPRIATION.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to
25 the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture, to be payable from cash
26 funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for capital improvements of the
27 University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture which shall be supplemental
28 and in addition to those funds appropriated in Section 4 of Act 899 of 2025,
29 the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	<u>\$30,000,000</u>

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35 SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
36 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency



1 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
2 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
3 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
4 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction
5 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where
6 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
7 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
8 disbursement of said funds.

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

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19 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
20 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
21 the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture are, due to unforeseen
22 circumstances, insufficient for the University of Arkansas - Division of
23 Agriculture to continue to provide essential governmental services; that the
24 provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies for the University
25 of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture to continue such services; and that a
26 delay in the effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the
27 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
28 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
29 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
30 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its
31 passage and approval.

32 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
33 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
34 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
35 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
36 overrides the veto.

APPROVED: 4/27/26