Act 359 SB416

By: Senators Russ, Hardin, Nelson, and Beebe

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR PROVIDING MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE 4-H CENTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund, to the Department of Finance and Administration for providing support for constructing, equipping, and furnishing at the Arkansas 4-H Educational Center, located in Pulaski County, Arkansas, in an amount not to exceed, the sum of\$250,000.

SECTION 2. MATCHING REQUIREMENTS. The sum appropriated in Section 1 hereof shall be made available to the Arkansas 4-H Club Foundation to be used for constructing, equipping and furnishings at the Arkansas 4-H Educational Center located in Pulaski County, Arkansas, which monies shall be made available on a matching basis of one dollar of the monies appropriated herein for each dollar donated to the Arkansas 4-H Club Foundation by private subscription or other funds available to the Foundation for constructing and equipping for said Arkansas 4-H Educational Center.

SECTION 3. DISBURSING PROCEDURES. Upon certification by the President and Treasurer of the Arkansas 4-H Foundation, a private, non-profit corporation, from time to time, as to the amount of monies that have been made available by private subscription or otherwise available to the Foundation for constructing and equipping for the youth and leaders belonging to the 4-H Clubs of Arkansas, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall disburse an equal amount to the Arkansas 4-H Club Foundation for the State's matching share not to exceed the amount appropriated hereof. The funds appropriated in Section 1 hereof shall be used only for the expenses incurred in constructing, equipping, and furnishings at the Education Center by the Arkansas 4-H Club Foundation located in Pulaski County, Arkansas. The improvements, for which funds are appropriated herein, shall be built under competitive bidding and all funds used in connection with said contract(s) for the Center shall be subject to an audit at the completion of the project by the Legislative Auditor of the State of Arkansas, who shall file a report with the Governor, the Arkansas Legislative Council, and the General Assembly next convening after the completion of said project. Any person guilty of violating any of the provisions of this Act or of misusing the funds appropriated herein shall be guilty of fraud and punished accordingly.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1989 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1989 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1989.

APPROVED: March 6, 1989