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2 90th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 439

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5 By: Senator Bledsoe

For An Act To Be Entitled

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8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR A
10 TRANSFER AND GRANTS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
11 AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE
12 STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
17 TRANSFER AND GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
18 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 - DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FUND
25 TRANSFER. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services
26 - Division of Behavioral Health, to be payable from the General Improvement
27 Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

28 (A) for a transfer to the Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund for
29 grants for behavioral health services and community based services for the
30 citizens of the State of Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.
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32 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FUND
33 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services -
34 Division of Behavioral Health, to be payable from the Drug Abuse Prevention
35 and Treatment Fund, the following:

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1 services for the citizens of the State of Arkansas, in a sum not to
 2 exceed.....\$1,000,000.

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 4 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

6 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
 7 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
 8 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
 9 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
 10 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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 12 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
 13 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
 14 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
 15 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
 16 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
 17 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
 18 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
 19 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
 20 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
 21 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
 22 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
 23 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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 31 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 32 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 33 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 34 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 35 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 36 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

1 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
2 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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4 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
5 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
6 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
7 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
8 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
9 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
10 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
11 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
12 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
13 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
14 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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17 **APPROVED: 03/16/2015**
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