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2 90th General Assembly
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As Engrossed: S3/12/15
A Bill

SENATE BILL 643

5 By: Senator J. Hendren
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 *EDUCATION FOR GRANTS AND AID FOR OPEN-ENROLLMENT*
10 *PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES FUNDING AID PROGRAM*
11 *FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR*
12 *OTHER PURPOSES.*
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15 **Subtitle**

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
17 *GRANTS AND AID - OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC*
18 *CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES FUNDING AID*
19 *PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016*
20 *FISCAL YEAR.*
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - *OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL*
26 *FACILITIES FUNDING AID PROGRAM.* There is hereby appropriated, to the
27 Department of Education, to be payable from the Department of Education
28 Public School Fund Account, for grants and aid *for open-enrollment public*
29 *charter schools for the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities*
30 *Funding Aid Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:*
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) <i>OPEN-ENROLLMENT PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL</i> <i>FACILITIES FUNDING AID PROGRAM -</i> <i>GRANTS AND AID</i>	<u><u>\$15,000,000</u></u>



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2 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
4 TRANSFER. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal
5 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
6 State Treasurer and the Auditor of State the sum of five million dollars
7 (\$5,000,000) from the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Loan
8 Fund to the Department of Education Public School Fund Account for grants and
9 aid for open-enrollment public charter schools for the Open-Enrollment Public
10 Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program, to be used exclusively for the
11 appropriation in this Act.

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13 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
14 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
15 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
16 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
17 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
18 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
19 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
20 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
21 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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23 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
24 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
25 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
26 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
27 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
28 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
29 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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32 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
33 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
34 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
2 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
3 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
4 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
5 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
6 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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8 */s/J. Hendren*

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11 **APPROVED: 03/27/2015**
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