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For An Act To Be Entitled

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16 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 EDUCATION - ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY FOR A GRANT TO THE
18 BOOKS FOR ARKANSAS STUDENTS' EDUCATION PROGRAM; AND
19 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

23 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
24 ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY - BOOKS FOR
25 ARKANSAS STUDENTS' EDUCATION GENERAL
26 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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32 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - BOOKS FOR ARKANSAS STUDENTS' EDUCATION
33 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education -
34 Arkansas State Library, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or
35 its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

36 (A) for a grant to the Books for Arkansas Students' Education (BASE)



1 Program which provides free books about Arkansas' natural, cultural, and
2 political history as well as books by Arkansas writers to public high schools
3 across the state using a point system based on free and reduced lunch
4 statistics, in a sum not to exceed.....\$15,000,000.

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6 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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14 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
15 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
16 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
17 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
18 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
19 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
20 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
21 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
22 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
23 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
24 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
25 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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34 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
35 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
36 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

1 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
2 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
3 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
4 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
5 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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7 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
8 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
9 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
10 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of
11 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
12 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
13 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm
14 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
15 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
16 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
17 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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19 /s/Baird
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