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A Bill

SENATE BILL 323

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5 By: Senator J. Woods
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR
10 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WORK COLLEGE GRANTS; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
15 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER -
16 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WORK COLLEGE
17 GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
24 WORK COLLEGE GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
25 Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the
26 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for Work
27 College grants to planning and development districts, the following:

28 (A) for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. for
29 grants to work colleges, as defined by U.S.C., Title 42, Section 2756b, that
30 is part of the Work Colleges Consortium, for personal services and operating
31 expenses, scholarships, research, development and delivery of education
32 coursework and math and science coursework, costs associated with athletic
33 programs, land acquisition, equipment acquisition, infrastructure costs,
34 including site development costs, construction, improvements, landscaping,
35 renovation, dorm renovation, major maintenance, building of roads and/or
36 parking lots, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.



1 (B) for the North Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.
 2 for grants to work colleges, as defined by U.S.C., Title 42, Section 2756b,
 3 that is part of the Work Colleges Consortium, for personal services and
 4 operating expenses, scholarships, research, development and delivery of
 5 education coursework and math and science coursework, costs associated with
 6 athletic programs, land acquisition, equipment acquisition, infrastructure
 7 costs, including site development costs, construction, improvements,
 8 landscaping, renovation, dorm renovation, major maintenance, building of
 9 roads and/or parking lots, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

10 (C) for the Northeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. for
 11 grants to work colleges, as defined by U.S.C., Title 42, Section 2756b, that
 12 is part of the Work Colleges Consortium, for personal services and operating
 13 expenses, scholarships, research, development and delivery of education
 14 coursework and math and science coursework, costs associated with athletic
 15 programs, land acquisition, equipment acquisition, infrastructure costs,
 16 including site development costs, construction, improvements, landscaping,
 17 renovation, dorm renovation, major maintenance, building of roads and/or
 18 parking lots, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

19 (D) for the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. for
 20 grants to work colleges, as defined by U.S.C., Title 42, Section 2756b, that
 21 is part of the Work Colleges Consortium, for personal services and operating
 22 expenses, scholarships, research, development and delivery of education
 23 coursework and math and science coursework, costs associated with athletic
 24 programs, land acquisition, equipment acquisition, infrastructure costs,
 25 including site development costs, construction, improvements, landscaping,
 26 renovation, dorm renovation, major maintenance, building of roads and/or
 27 parking lots, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

28 (E) for the Southwest Economic Development District of Arkansas, Inc.
 29 for grants to work colleges, as defined by U.S.C., Title 42, Section 2756b,
 30 that is part of the Work Colleges Consortium, for personal services and
 31 operating expenses, scholarships, research, development and delivery of
 32 education coursework and math and science coursework, costs associated with
 33 athletic programs, land acquisition, equipment acquisition, infrastructure
 34 costs, including site development costs, construction, improvements,
 35 landscaping, renovation, dorm renovation, major maintenance, building of
 36 roads and/or parking lots, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

1 (F) for the Western Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. for
2 grants to work colleges, as defined by U.S.C., Title 42, Section 2756b, that
3 is part of the Work Colleges Consortium, for personal services and operating
4 expenses, scholarships, research, development and delivery of education
5 coursework and math and science coursework, costs associated with athletic
6 programs, land acquisition, equipment acquisition, infrastructure costs,
7 including site development costs, construction, improvements, landscaping,
8 renovation, dorm renovation, major maintenance, building of roads and/or
9 parking lots, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

10 (G) for the West Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.
11 for grants to work colleges, as defined by U.S.C., Title 42, Section 2756b,
12 that is part of the Work Colleges Consortium, for personal services and
13 operating expenses, scholarships, research, development and delivery of
14 education coursework and math and science coursework, costs associated with
15 athletic programs, land acquisition, equipment acquisition, infrastructure
16 costs, including site development costs, construction, improvements,
17 landscaping, renovation, dorm renovation, major maintenance, building of
18 roads and/or parking lots, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

19 (H) for the Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc. for
20 grants to work colleges, as defined by U.S.C., Title 42, Section 2756b, that
21 is part of the Work Colleges Consortium, for personal services and operating
22 expenses, scholarships, research, development and delivery of education
23 coursework and math and science coursework, costs associated with athletic
24 programs, land acquisition, equipment acquisition, infrastructure costs,
25 including site development costs, construction, improvements, landscaping,
26 renovation, dorm renovation, major maintenance, building of roads and/or
27 parking lots, in a sum not to exceed.....\$2,000,000.

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

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

1 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
2 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
3 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
4 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
5 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
6 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
7 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
8 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
9 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
10 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
11 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
12 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

13 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
14 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
15 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
16 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
17 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
18 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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20 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
21 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
22 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
23 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
24 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
25 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
26 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
27 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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29 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
31 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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