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A Bill

SENATE BILL 465

5 By: Senator Teague
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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 A
10 GRANT TO THE ARKANSAS RURAL NURSING EDUCATIONAL
11 COOPERATIVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING TEACHING
12 TECHNOLOGIES AND MEDICAL SIMULATION LABS SITUATED ON
13 EIGHT COLLEGE CAMPUSES ACROSS RURAL ARKANSAS; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
19 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR A
20 GRANT TO THE ARKANSAS RURAL NURSING
21 EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE GENERAL
22 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING TEACHING
28 TECHNOLOGIES AND MEDICAL SIMULATION LABS. There is hereby appropriated, to
29 the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be
30 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
31 accounts, the following:

32 (A) for a grant to the Arkansas Rural Nursing Educational Cooperative
33 for grants for construction, renovation, purchase of equipment, improvements
34 and maintenance for technology classrooms and medical simulation labs, in a
35 sum not to exceed.....\$400,000.
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1 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
3 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
4 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
5 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
6 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
7 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.
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9 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
10 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
11 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
12 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
13 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
14 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
15 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
16 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
17 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
18 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
19 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
20 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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