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A Bill

SENATE BILL 705

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5 By: Senator Rapert

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS STATE
9 HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR GRANTS TO
10 REGIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND
15 TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT GRANTS TO
16 REGIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION
17 AUTHORITIES 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 - GRANTS TO REGIONAL INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION
25 AUTHORITIES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Highway and
26 Transportation Department, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or
27 its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

28 (A) for grants to Regional Intermodal Transportation Authorities for
29 feasibility studies, planning, research, advertising, acquisition of
30 property, personal services and operations; costs of bond issuance, repayment
31 and servicing; and construction, development, improvement, maintenance,
32 equipping, operating, and regulating facilities and services, in a sum not to
33 exceed.....\$10,000,000.
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35 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.



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

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

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

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

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 35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 36 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

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

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