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A Bill

SENATE BILL 732

5 By: Senator L. Chesterfield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 HIGHER EDUCATION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER
14 EDUCATION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
15 APPROPRIATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Higher Education, to be payable
23 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
24 following:

25 (A) for a grant for personal services and operating expenses and
26 professional fees for expenses of creating a statewide culture of innovation,
27 entrepreneurial activity and economic growth and for preparing traditional
28 and non-traditional Arkansas students to fill occupations in existing and
29 emerging industries by strategically aligning business training and academic
30 preparation to respond directly to the needs of employers in the State of
31 Arkansas, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.
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33 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

35 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
36 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by



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

17 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
18 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
19 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
20 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
21 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
22 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
23 otherwise by law.
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25 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
27 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
28 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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34 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
35 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
36 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

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

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