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A Bill

SENATE BILL 455

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 CAREER EDUCATION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND
10 FUNDING TRANSFER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER
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 GRANTS AND FUNDING
22 TRANSFER. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Career
23 Education, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
24 fund or fund accounts, the following:

25 (A) for a transfer to the Skills Development Fund for personal
26 services, operating expenses, equipment and grants for comprehensive
27 statewide workforce development programs, in a sum not to exceed
28\$10,000,000.

29 (B) for grants for literacy services, tutoring, nutritional services,
30 and adult education program services, in a sum not to exceed
31\$5,000,000.

32 (C) for grants for youth tutoring and literacy programs and services,
33 and youth physical activity and nutrition programs, in a sum not to exceed
34\$5,000,000.

35 (D) for grants to adult education programs and post-secondary
36 institutions for literacy services, tutoring and adult education program



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3 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to the Department of Career Education, to be payable from the
5 Skills Development Fund, the following:

6 (A) for personal services, operating expenses, equipment and grants for
7 comprehensive statewide workforce development programs, in a sum not to
8 exceed.....\$10,000,000.

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10 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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18 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
19 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
20 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
21 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
22 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
23 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
24 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
25 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
26 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
27 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
28 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
29 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.