

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

Act 1243 of the Regular Session

As Engrossed: S3/1/07 S3/21/07

A Bill

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

SENATE BILL 306

5 By: Senator Steele

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR VISION SCREENING  
PROGRAM OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE BIENNIAL  
PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
VISION SCREENING PROGRAM OPERATING  
EXPENSES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2007-2009  
BIENNIUM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - VISION SCREENING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the School-Age Children Eye and Vision Care Fund, for operating expenses and costs incurred in studying, evaluating vision needs, screening vision programs, the development of a strategic statewide plan, and associated expenses for eye and vision care of school age children in Arkansas, for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEARS                   |           |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| NO.  | 2007-2008                      | 2008-2009 |
| (01) | VARIOUS OPERATING EXPENSES FOR |           |



VISION SCREENING AND CARE \$ 1,000,000 \$ 1,000,000

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

Uncodified Section 4 of Act 755 of 2003, concerning the Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School Age Children is amended as follows:

SECTION 4. ~~Funding.~~

~~(a)(1) The commission's funding shall be from grants, donations, and any other funds that may be made available through appropriations by the General Assembly.~~

~~(2) Moneys received by the commission shall be used solely for the support of the functions of the commission.~~

~~(b)(1) Grants and donations received by the commission shall be cash funds and shall be administered by the Arkansas Department of Health but shall be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.~~

~~(2) Any moneys received from grantors and donors that are not expended by the commission shall be returned to the grantors and donors in proportion that each bears to the total of all grants and donations received by the commission.~~

SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 4. 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

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
2 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
3 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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5 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
7 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
10 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
11 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
12 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
13 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
14 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
15 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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17 /s/ Steele

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