

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1737

By: Representatives Thicksten and Mahony

"AN ACT TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION OF STATE BUILDINGS DURING THE 1987-89 FISCAL BIENNIUM, EXCEPT FOR BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTED AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. In order to give priority to the use of available State funds for the operation of essential services of the State, and to enable the State to provide financial assistance for the operation of the public schools of this State, the General Assembly hereby declares that a moratorium shall exist on the letting of contracts for construction of buildings for State agencies, departments, boards, commissions, and institutions during the 1987-89 fiscal biennium. Provided that, nothing in this Act is intended to prohibit the construction of buildings and facilities at any of the State-supported institutions of higher learning so long as funds are available therefor and will not unduly restrict the operation of educational programs of the institutions of higher learning. Provided further, that nothing in this Act shall prohibit the completion of construction of work in progress under construction contracts let by State agencies, departments, boards, commission, and institutions prior to February 20, 1987.

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the limited financial resources of the State of Arkansas make it imperative that the limited funds available be utilized for the operation of essential services and to provide support for the public schools of this

State; that a moratorium on construction of new buildings and facilities by State agencies, departments, boards, commissions, and institutions, other than institutions of higher learning, is necessary to enable the State to make maximum use of its available funds for the operation of essential services; and that the immediate passage of this Act is necessary to accomplish such purposes. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act, being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and welfare, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

