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4 By: *Joint Budget Committee*

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROVIDING LOANS TO  
9 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
10 PURCHASING ESSENTIAL ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY/ADAPTIVE  
11 EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
12 EDUCATION - VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION - ARKANSAS  
13 REHABILITATION SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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#### SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY/ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT.

24 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education - Vocational and  
25 Technical Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, to be payable from  
26 the Technology Equipment Revolving Loan Fund, for providing loans to  
27 individuals with disabilities for the purpose of purchasing essential  
28 assistive technology/adaptive equipment and related services, the sum of *two*  
29 *hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)* each fiscal year of the biennial  
30 period ending June 30, 1997.

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SECTION 2. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief  
Fiscal Officer of the State *is hereby authorized to* transfer on his books and  
those of the State Treasurer the sum of *two hundred fifty thousand dollars*  
(*\$250,000*) from the *General Improvement Fund, or its successor fund or fund*

1 accounts to the Technology Equipment Revolving Loan Fund to provide funds for  
2 the appropriation provided herein.

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

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13 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
14 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
15 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
16 which this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
17 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
18 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
19 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
20 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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22 SECTION 5. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and  
23 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and  
24 the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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26 SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the  
27 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such  
28 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which  
29 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this  
30 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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32 SECTION 7. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict  
33 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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35 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the

1 Eightieth General Assembly that funds provided by the General Assembly for  
2 the operations of the Department of Education - Vocational and Technical  
3 Education - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services are insufficient to provide  
4 essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide  
5 the necessary monies to provide such services; and that a delay in the  
6 effective date of this Act could work irreparable harm upon the proper  
7 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore,  
8 an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the  
9 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in  
10 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

11 */s/Rep. E. Thicksten*

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