

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 715

4 By: *Joint Budget Committee*

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF  
9 ARKANSAS FOR RESEARCH GRANT MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE MACK-  
10 BLACKWELL RURAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
15 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION."

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

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19 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
20 University of Arkansas, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or  
21 its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

22 (A) For research grant matching funds for the Mack-Blackwell Rural  
23 Transportation Center, the sum of ..... \$1,200,000.

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25 SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. The University of Arkansas houses the  
26 Mack-Blackwell Rural Transportation Study Center, the only federally-  
27 supported "national rural" transportation center. As a rural state,  
28 Arkansas' economic future depends heavily upon effective transportation and a  
29 viable highway system. The Mack-Blackwell Rural Transportation Study Center  
30 was initiated with support from the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation  
31 Commission and works closely with it to develop solutions for rural  
32 transportation. By developing and disseminating knowledge in the latest  
33 technologies, the Center is able to ensure continuing improvement in the  
34 state's transportation infrastructure.

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1           In order to further its mission, the Center must continue to qualify  
2 for annual federal grants. These grants require a non-federal match equal to  
3 the amount of the federal grant. Therefore, a biennium appropriation of \$1.2  
4 million by the General Assembly for the Center will supplement the \$800,000  
5 in the University of Arkansas' budget to fully match the \$2 million in  
6 federal funding for federal fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

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

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17           SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
18 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
19 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
20 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
21 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
22 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
23 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
24 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
25 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
26 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
27 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
28 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this Act.

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

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SECTION 4. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Eightieth General Assembly, that in order for the Mack-Blackwell Rural Transportation Center to continue to operate effectively, matching funds are required for a federal grant; and that the provisions of this Act provide such funds. 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 its passage and approval.

*/s/Russ*

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