

1 State of Arkansas
2 80th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1995

A Bill

SENATE BILL 769

4 By: *Joint Budget Committee*

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS FOR THE
9 DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE DISTANCE LEARNING OR
10 TELEMEDICINE NETWORK FOR THE *DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND*
11 *ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER* FOR THE BIENNIAL
12 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1997; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT FOR THE *DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE*
16 *AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER*
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1995-97 BIENNIUM."

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

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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
22 *Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer*, to be payable
23 from the Telecommunications and Information Technology Fund, for grants to
24 public and/or non-profit entities for the development of a statewide distance
25 learning or telemedicine network for the biennial period ending June 30,
26 1997, the sum of \$2,000,000.

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28 SECTION 2. Upon the direction of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
29 State, on July 1, 1995 or as soon thereafter as possible, the Department of
30 Finance and Administration shall transfer funds as may be available from the
31 General Improvement Fund to the Telecommunications and Information Technology
32 Fund. The amount to be transferred shall be the smaller of \$2,000,000 or the
33 amount of monies transferred from the Department of Human Services Fund to
34 the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund from balances accruing during the
35 fiscal year ending June 30, 1995.

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

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

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

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

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

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34 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
35 Eightieth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas

1 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period;
2 that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1995 is essential to the
3 operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are
4 provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the
5 delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1995 could work
6 irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential
7 governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist
8 and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
9 peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after
10 July 1, 1995.

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