

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1997

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2020

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
10 EDUCATION - GENERAL EDUCATION DIVISION FOR PROVIDING  
11 ADDITIONAL NURSES TO MEET THE REQUIRED NURSE TO STUDENT  
12 RATIO IN ARKANSAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
16 - GENERAL EDUCATION DIVISION -  
17 ADDITIONAL NURSES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
18 APPROPRIATION."  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
24 Department of Education - General Education Division, to be payable from the  
25 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
26 following:

27 (A) For costs associated with providing additional nurses to meet the  
28 required nurse to student ratio in Arkansas School Districts, the sum  
29 of ..... \$3,100,000.  
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31 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
32 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
33 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
34 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
35 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
36 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or

1 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
2 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
3 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
4 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
5 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
6 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this Act.

7 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State  
8 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
9 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this  
10 State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
11 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
12 disbursement of any funds provided by this Act unless specifically provided  
13 otherwise by law.

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15 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
16 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
17 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which  
18 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
19 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
20 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
21 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
22 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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

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

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

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SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Eighty-First General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1997 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1997 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. 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 July 1, 1997.

/s/JBC

