

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1544

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 HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
11 FOR CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, AND EXPANSION OF
12 FACILITIES AT THE BENTON SERVICES CENTER; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES. "
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Subtitle

15 "AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH
17 SERVICES - BENTON SERVICES CENTER
18 CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION & EXPANSION
19 OF FACILITIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
20 APPROPRIATION.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - BENTON SERVICES CENTER. There is hereby
27 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Mental Health
28 Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
29 fund or fund accounts, for construction, reconstruction, renovation and
30 expansion of facilities at the Benton Services Center of the Department of
31 Human Services - Division of Mental Health Services - Benton Services Center
32 for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the sum of\$15,000,000.
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34 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
35 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
36 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available

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1 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
2 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
3 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
4 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
5 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
6 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
7 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
8 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
9 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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

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

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36 SECTION 6. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with

1 this act are hereby repealed.

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3 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
4 Eighty-second General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
5 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that
6 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1999 is essential to the operation of
7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
8 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
9 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1999 could work irreparable harm upon the
10 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
11 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
12 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
13 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1999.

14 /s/ Joint Budget Committee