

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1241

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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 FOR OPERATING,
10 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS
11 RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD FOR THE BIENNIAL
12 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2003; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS RICE RESEARCH
16 AND PROMOTION BOARD APPROPRIATION
17 FOR THE 2001-2003 BIENNIAL.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas
24 Rice Research and Promotion Board, to be payable from the Arkansas Rice
25 Research and Promotion Fund, for operating, research and development expenses
26 of the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board for the biennial period
27 ending June 30, 2003, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
	2001-2002	2002-2003
NO.		
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0

1	(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>6,954,696</u>	<u>6,954,696</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 6,980,696</u>	<u>\$ 6,980,696</u>

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4 SECTION 2. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED

5 SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND BALANCES. (A) For all

6 appropriations as provided in this Act, the agency disbursing officer shall

7 monitor the level of fund balances in relation to expenditures on a monthly

8 basis. If any proposed expenditures would cause a fund balance to decline to

9 less than fifty percent (50%) of the balance available on July 1, 2001, the

10 disbursing officer shall immediately notify the executive head of the agency.

11 Prior to any obligations being made under these circumstances, the agency

12 head shall file written documentation with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

13 State requesting approval of the expenditures. Such documentation shall

14 provide sufficient financial data to justify the expenditures and shall

15 include the following:

- 16 1) a plan that clearly indicates the specific fiscal impact of such
- 17 expenditures on the fund balance.
- 18 2) information clearly indicating and explaining what programs would be cut or
- 19 any other measures to be taken by the agency to restore the fund balance.
- 20 3) the extent to which any of the planned expenditures are for one-time costs
- 21 or one-time purchase of capitalized items.
- 22 4) a statement certifying that the expenditure of fund balances will not
- 23 jeopardize the financial health of the agency, nor result in a permanent
- 24 depletion of the fund balance.

25 (B) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall review the request and

26 approve or disapprove all or any part of the request, after having sought

27 prior review by the Legislative Council.

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29 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by

30 this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made

31 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions

32 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures

33 Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and

34 Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this

35 State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of

36 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied

1 with in disbursement of said funds.

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3 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
4 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
5 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
6 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
7 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
8 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
9 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
10 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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12 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
13 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
14 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
15 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2001 is essential to the operation of the
16 agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the
17 event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date
18 of this Act beyond July 1, 2001 could work irreparable harm upon the proper
19 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an
20 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
21 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full
22 force and effect from and after July 1, 2001.