

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 1242

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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 WHEAT PROMOTION BOARD FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 2003; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS WHEAT PROMOTION
16 BOARD APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2001-2003
17 BIENNIAL PERIOD.
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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 Wheat Promotion Board, to be payable from the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Fund,
25 for operating, research and development expenses of the Arkansas Wheat
26 Promotion Board for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the following:
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ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2001-2002	2002-2003
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,400	2,400
(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
(02) RESEARCH/DEVELOPMENT	<u>773,471</u>	<u>773,471</u>

1 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$ 791,871 \$ 791,871

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3 SECTION 2. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED
4 SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND BALANCES. (A) For all
5 appropriations as provided in this Act, the agency disbursing officer shall
6 monitor the level of fund balances in relation to expenditures on a monthly
7 basis. If any proposed expenditures would cause a fund balance to decline to
8 less than fifty percent (50%) of the balance available on July 1, 2001, the
9 disbursing officer shall immediately notify the executive head of the agency.

10 Prior to any obligations being made under these circumstances, the agency
11 head shall file written documentation with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
12 State requesting approval of the expenditures. Such documentation shall
13 provide sufficient financial data to justify the expenditures and shall
14 include the following:

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

24 (B) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall review the request and
25 approve or disapprove all or any part of the request , after having sought
26 prior review by the Legislative Council.

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28 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by
29 this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made
30 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions
31 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures
32 Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and
33 Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this
34 State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of
35 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied
36 with in disbursement of said funds.

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

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the 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, 2001 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, 2001 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, 2001.