

**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 1708

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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 FOR CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REPAIR,  
11 MAINTENANCE, PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, GRANTS AND LOAN  
12 PAYMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
16 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby  
23 appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the General  
24 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:  
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26 (A) For construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of  
27 equipment for various capital projects or facility improvements, the sum of  
28 ..... \$500,000.

29 (B) For loan payments to the Teacher Retirement System for the state-wide  
30 public school computer system, the sum of ..... \$5,800,586.

31 (C) For Economic Education Grants, the sum of ..... \$200,000.  
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33 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby  
34 appropriated, to the Department of Education-Arkansas School for the Blind, to  
35 be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
36 accounts, the following:

1 (A) For construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of  
2 equipment for various capital projects or facility improvements, the sum of  
3 .....\$500,000.  
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5 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby  
6 appropriated, to the Department of Education - Arkansas School for the Deaf,  
7 to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
8 accounts, the following:

9 (A) For construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of  
10 equipment for various capital projects or facility improvements, the sum of  
11 .....\$500,000.  
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13 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby  
14 appropriated, to the Department of Education - Educational Television  
15 Division, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor  
16 fund or fund accounts, the following:

17 (A) For costs associated the infrastructure transition needed to complete  
18 the Digital Conversion of the Network - Phase II, the sum of  
19 .....\$7,000,000.

20 (B) For costs associated with general network maintenance needed to secure  
21 the state's investment in technology and to provide state matching for federal  
22 grants, the sum of .....\$2,000,000.  
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24 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - TRUST. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
25 Department of Education, to be payable from the Educational Building Revenue  
26 Bond Fund, the following:

27 (A) For costs associated with renovation, repair and maintenance of the  
28 Department of Education buildings and facilities located at the State Capitol  
29 Complex, the sum of .....\$750,000.  
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31 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
32 Department of Education - Educational Television Division, to be payable from  
33 the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the  
34 following:

35 (A) For costs associated with the infrastructure transition needed to  
36 complete the Digital Conversion of the Network - Phase II as mandated by the

1 FCC by 2003, the sum of .....\$3,000,000.

2 (B) For costs associated with general network maintenance needed to secure  
3 the state's investment in technology, the sum of .....\$1,000,000.

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5 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS - SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS & SCIENCES - FEDERAL.

6 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable  
7 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,  
8 the following:

9 (A) For costs associated with the renovation of the Main Building's 7th  
10 floor, so that the school can develop a state distance education program and  
11 teacher enhancement programs, the sum of .....\$64,800.

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13 SECTION 8. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
14 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
15 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
16 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
17 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
18 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
19 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
20 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
21 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
22 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
23 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
24 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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32 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
33 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
34 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
35 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
36 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
2 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
3 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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5 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
7 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2001 is essential to the operation of the  
9 agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the  
10 event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date  
11 of this Act beyond July 1, 2001 could work irreparable harm upon the proper  
12 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an  
13 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the  
14 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full  
15 force and effect from and after July 1, 2001.