

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.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 584

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS
10 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY TO MATCH FEDERAL
11 RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND
15 TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY - TO MATCH FEDERAL
16 RESEARCH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES CAPITAL
17 IMPROVEMENT 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. APPROPRIATION - RESEARCH GRANT STATE MATCH. There is hereby
24 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable
25 from the Arkansas Research Matching Fund, to match federal research grant
26 opportunities focused on strategic research, the sum of\$20,000,000.
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28 *SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE*
29 *NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. A project*
30 *placed in the queue for matching monies from the Arkansas Research Matching*
31 *Fund will be eligible to receive matching funds for a twelve (12) month*
32 *period. The Start of the twelve-month eligibility period will be based on the*
33 *award date of the federal grant. Award of matching funds cannot occur after*
34 *the eligibility period ends nor can the eligibility period be continued by a*
35 *no-cost extension. Multiple-year awards will have multiple years of*
36 *eligibility, based on the original award date. Depending on the availability*

1 of funds, it is possible that only part of the required match may be provided
 2 from the Arkansas Research Matching Fund during a particular year of
 3 eligibility. Projects will stay in queue until funded or until the grant
 4 period expires. Multiple-year projects will stay in the queue multiple years
 5 until the grant period expires, but match eligibility for each year of the
 6 award will be on a year-by-year basis so that the match for a particular year
 7 during the life of a multiple-year grant can only be released during that 12-
 8 month period.

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 10 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
 11 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
 12 TRANSFER. When funds are authorized to be made available through the
 13 provisions of the General Improvement Distribution Act of 2001 to match
 14 federal research grant opportunities focused on basic and strategic research
 15 herein and upon meeting all other conditions as set out by law, the Chief
 16 Fiscal Officer of the State and State Treasurer shall transfer the sum of
 17 twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000), or so much thereof as is made available
 18 therefrom, from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
 19 accounts to the Arkansas Research Matching Fund there to be used for such
 20 purposes as appropriated herein.

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 22 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
 23 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
 24 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
 25 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
 26 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
 27 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
 28 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
 29 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
 30 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
 31 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
 32 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
 33 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

34 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
 35 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
 36 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State

1 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
2 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
3 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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

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

25 */s/ Joint Budget Committee*
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