

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 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 250

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
10 OF HEALTH FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
16 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY
22 FACILITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be
23 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
24 accounts, the following:

25 (A) For constructing, renovating, equipping and associated costs of a
26 Public Health Laboratory Facility, the sum of\$7,974,425.
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28 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS - RURAL PHYSICIAN INCENTIVE PROGRAM. There is
29 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the
30 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
31 following:

32 (A) For financial assistance to encourage physicians to locate in and
33 practice primary care medicine in medically underserved areas, the sum of
34\$868,000.
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36 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - RURAL HEALTH SERVICES REVOLVING FUND. There



1 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the
2 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
3 following:

4 (A) For a fund transfer to the Rural Health Services Revolving Fund for
5 establishment and retention of primary care services, support improvements or
6 transition initiatives of rural hospitals, provide funding for needed
7 emergency medical services, non-emergency medical services, support efforts
8 to improve health or the health care system in the community, or support
9 local community strategic planning efforts and as set out in Arkansas Code
10 20-12-401, the sum of\$1,600,000.
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12 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
13 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
14 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
15 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
16 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
17 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
18 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
19 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
20 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
21 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
22 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
23 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

24 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
25 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
26 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
27 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
28 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
29 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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31 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
32 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
33 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
34 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
35 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
36 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral

1 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
2 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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4 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
5 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
6 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
7 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
8 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
9 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
10 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
11 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
12 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
13 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
14 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.