

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 574

By: Senators J. Bookout, Wooldridge  
By: Representatives Thyer, McDaniel, Kidd, Thompson, Dangeau

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS  
STATE UNIVERSITY FOR VARIOUS FACILITIES AND  
IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY,  
WILSON HALL, THE COMPUTER SYSTEM AND DISTANCE  
LEARNING INFRASTRUCTURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE  
UNIVERSITY - UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, WILSON  
HALL, THE COMPUTER SYSTEM AND DISTANCE  
LEARNING INFRASTRUCTURE GENERAL  
IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, WILSON HALL, THE COMPUTER  
SYSTEM AND DISTANCE LEARNING INFRASTRUCTURE. There is hereby appropriated,  
to the Arkansas State University, to be payable from the General Improvement  
Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For the University Library and for other institutional and facilities  
improvements, the sum of .....\$800,000.

(B) For costs associated with the replacement of Wilson Hall, the sum of  
.....\$21,000,000.

(C) For costs associated with upgrading and expansion of the computer  
system and distance learning infrastructure, the sum of .....\$11,000,000.



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2 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
3 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
4 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
5 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
6 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
7 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
8 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
9 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
10 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
11 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
12 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
13 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

14 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
15 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
16 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
17 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
18 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
19 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.  
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21 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
22 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
23 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
24 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
25 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
26 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
27 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
28 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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30 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
31 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
32 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2005 is essential to the operation of  
34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
35 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
36 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2005 could work irreparable harm upon the

1 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
2 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
4 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2005.