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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1684

5 By: Representatives Anderson, Kenney
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF
11 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR EXPANSION OF STATEWIDE
12 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
18 HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL
19 HEALTH - EXPANSION OF STATEWIDE MENTAL
20 HEALTH BEDS IN ARKANSAS GENERAL
21 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - STATEWIDE MENTAL HEALTH BED EXPANSION. There
27 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health and Human Services -
28 Division of Behavioral Health, to be payable from the General Improvement
29 Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

30 (A) For expansion of available statewide mental health beds to serve
31 individuals with mental illness in Arkansas, the sum of\$10,000,000.
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33 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
34 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
35 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
36 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and



1 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
2 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
3 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
4 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
5 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
6 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
7 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
8 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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16 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
17 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
18 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
19 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
20 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
22 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
23 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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25 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
26 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
27 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
30 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
31 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
32 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
33 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
34 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
35 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.