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A Bill

SENATE BILL 553

By: Senator Hendren

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC CARE
SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH - INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC CARE
SERVICES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC CARE SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For inpatient psychiatric care services to serve individuals with mental illness in Arkansas, the sum of\$2,000,000.

SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and



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

8 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
9 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
10 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
11 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
12 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
13 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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15 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
16 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
17 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
18 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
19 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
20 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
21 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
22 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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24 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
26 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
29 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
30 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
31 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
32 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
33 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
34 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.
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