

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

HOUSE BILL 1503

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT - LOAN PAYMENTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For loan payments to the Teacher Retirement System for the statewide public school computer system, the sum of\$5,800,586.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT - ARKANSAS SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For grants to eligible public schools for school recognition awards to be used for nonrecurring bonuses to faculty and staff, nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment or materials or temporary school personnel by the Arkansas School Recognition Program, the sum of\$17,784,700.



SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - TRUST FUND - RENOVATION AND REPAIRS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from the Educational Building Revenue Bond Fund, the following:

(A) For renovation and repairs to the existing Department of Education Capitol Complex facilities, the sum of\$2,000,000.

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

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

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

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General

1 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
2 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
5 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
6 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the
7 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
8 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
9 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
10 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.