

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 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1766

5 By: Representative W. Lewellen
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY
10 OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - INSTITUTE ON
11 AGING FOR TELEMEDICINE EQUIPMENT FOR NURSING HOME
12 PATIENT CONSULTS AND EVALUATIONS BY PHYSICIANS;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
17 FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES - INSTITUTE ON
18 AGING TELEMEDICINE EQUIPMENT FOR NURSING
19 HOME PATIENT CONSULTS AND EVALUATIONS BY
20 PHYSICIANS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
21 APPROPRIATION.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - INSTITUTE ON AGING TELEMEDICINE EQUIPMENT.

27 There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas for Medical
28 Sciences, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
29 fund or fund accounts, the following:
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31 (A) For telemedicine equipment for nursing home patient consults and
32 evaluations by physicians to reduce medication errors, hospitalization rates
33 and nursing care costs, the sum of\$38,000.
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35 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
36 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects



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

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

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

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 27 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 29 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of
 31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 32 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
 33 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the
 34 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
 35 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
 36 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and

safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.

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