

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 1782

By: Representative Harrelson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for a feasibility study and engineering report to expand the South Central High Speed Rail Corridor from Texarkana, Arkansas to Memphis, Tennessee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the sum of.....\$5,000,000

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 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



1 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
2 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
3 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
4 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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