

1 State of Arkansas  
2 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 508

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5 By: Senator Capps  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS  
10 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY FOR CONNECT  
11 ARKANSAS EXPENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SCIENCE AND  
16 TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY - CONNECT ARKANSAS  
17 EXPENSES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
18 APPROPRIATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CONNECT ARKANSAS EXPENSES. There is hereby  
24 appropriated, to the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, to be payable  
25 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
26 following:

27 (A) For personal services, salaries, operating expenses, professional  
28 fees, data processing, technology, maintenance, research and development,  
29 equipping, acquisition, and research and development projects to enable  
30 Connect Arkansas, Inc. to fulfil its duties and responsibilities under the  
31 Connect Arkansas Broadband Act, the sum of .....\$2,975,000.  
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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 one (1) year period; that the  
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 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, 2009 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, 2009.