

1 State of Arkansas  
2 88th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1524

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
9 OF HEALTH FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GENERAL  
15 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

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20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM. There is  
21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the  
22 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
23 following:

24 (A) for an Electronic Health Records System, in a sum not to exceed  
25 .....\$8,034,460.

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27 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS. There is hereby  
28 appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the General  
29 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

30 (A) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,  
31 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and  
32 facilities, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

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34 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TRANSFERS. There  
35 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Health, to be payable from the  
36 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the



1 following:

2 (A) for a transfer to the Health Operations Paying Account as  
3 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for the replacement of  
4 various equipment and servers, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,500,000.

5 (B) for a transfer to the Rural Health Services Revolving Fund for  
6 grants to assist the stabilization of necessary medical services provided by  
7 county, local, commercial or non-profit organizations, in a sum not to exceed  
8 .....\$1,800,000.

9 (C) for a transfer to the Rural Physician Incentive Revolving Fund for  
10 financial assistance grants to encourage physicians to locate and remain in  
11 the practice of primary care medicine in communities of the State with  
12 populations of not more than fifteen thousand (15,000) persons, in a sum not  
13 to exceed.....\$1,900,000.

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15 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
16 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
17 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
18 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
19 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
20 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
21 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
22 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
23 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
24 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
25 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
26 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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35 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
36 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

1 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
2 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
3 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
4 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
5 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
6 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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8 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
9 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
10 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
11 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of  
12 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
13 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
14 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm  
15 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
16 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
17 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
18 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.  
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