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A Bill

SENATE BILL 647

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5 By: Senator Laverty

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
9 OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
10 FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDER GRANTS; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
16 - DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH -
17 COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDER GRANTS GENERAL
18 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDER GRANTS. There is
24 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of
25 Behavioral Health, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its
26 successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

27 (A) for a grant for community-based mental health providers for
28 personal services and operating expenses, construction, improvements,
29 equipment, renovation and maintenance expenses of regional service
30 initiatives that employ evidence-based practices/approaches (EBP/A) to
31 introduce new responsive service technologies into the adult public mental
32 health system, in a sum not to exceed.....\$980,000.

33 (B) for a grant for community-based mental health providers for
34 personal services and operating expenses, construction, improvements,
35 equipment, renovation and maintenance expenses of community based programs
36 and institutional delivered services, in a sum not to exceed.....\$780,919.



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2 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

4 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
5 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
6 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
7 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
8 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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10 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
11 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
12 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
13 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
14 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
15 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
16 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
17 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
18 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
19 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
20 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
21 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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30 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

1 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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3 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
4 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
5 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of
7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
8 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
9 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm
10 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
11 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
12 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
13 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.